



**Scottish
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Service**

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Dear Peter,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, which has now been processed.

Detail

According to Freedom of Information response the SAS had airlifts from Caithness General Hospital in Wick KW1 5NS between 2015 and 2025.

Therefore I wish to make a Freedom of Information for a month by month breakdown in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

Response

Please see the attached sheet detailing a monthly breakdown of the information requested.

Please Note

To protect individuals' privacy, the Scottish Ambulance Service applies standard statistical disclosure controls when releasing small numbers. Where a figure is fewer than five, it is shown as "<5". This prevents the identification, or potential identification, of any individual, in line with data protection requirements.

In some cases, a further value must also be suppressed and replaced with "*". This secondary suppression is used to ensure that the suppressed <5 figure cannot be calculated through simple subtraction or by comparing totals. This is a recognised method for preventing accidental disclosure while still allowing us to publish meaningful, high-level information.

Yours sincerely,
Siobhan Anderson
Information Governance

Review Procedure

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request for information, you may apply for a review of our decision in writing within 40 working days of the date of this notice and include:

- An address for further correspondence;
- A description of the original request; and
- The reason(s) why you are dissatisfied with our decision.

You should address your request for a review of decision to:

Katy Barclay
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The requests for a review would be passed to another manager who was not involved in the original decision to assess the application.

Following the review, you would receive notice of the result as soon as possible but in any case within 20 working days of us receiving it. Our response would explain the decision of the reviewer as well as details of how to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner if you remain dissatisfied with the review decision reached by us.

If you wish to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner, you may do so at the details below:

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610
e-mail: enquiries@foi.scot

You can also make your appeal online via the Commissioner's website at [Appeal to the Commissioner | Scottish Information Commissioner \(foi.scot\)](#). This link gives you help in real time explaining exactly what is needed so the Commissioner can investigate your case quickly.