



# Freedom of Information Request

**04 January 2023**

## Question

I would like to know:

Please provide figures for recognition of DOA following delays to ambulance attendances according to SI data 2017-2022 (current)

I require the year and month in each case

If this is already published up to the most recent date available in 2022 please provide a link or email me the information.

## Answer

We do not hold the information to provide for the number of deaths due to delays to ambulance attendances.

The Scottish Ambulance Service records data in two ways first being, against several clinical codes generated through our 999-triage systems used by our Ambulance Control Centre. This is dependent on the information provided during the 999 call and is unique to the time of entry. Secondly, we are able to provide data sets based on the final outcome clinical code, input by the attending ambulance clinicians based on the presenting clinical symptom(s) needing treatment.

We do not hold a clinical code against the criteria you have asked for. What we would hold for example is the number of cardiac arrests attended.

The Scottish Ambulance service does not hold causation data for death and for this we would ask you to re-direct your request to the National Records of Scotland and Public Health Scotland, Data and Intelligence (previously known as ISD Scotland). This is where you will find the information regarding the number of deaths, under a stated category.

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