

Date: 07/06/2024 – Source – Email

Could we have a comment on this letter (Removed as per section 38 1(b)) from Orkney council saying they've reached an impasse with Scottish ministers and SAS re first responder provision on the islands. they say they've been trying to get in contact (Removed as per section 38 1(b)) and (Removed as per section 38 1(b)) They also say they're getting no help from SAS. They say it is a matter of life and limb.

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"The Covid pandemic posed unique challenges for volunteer led services and our Community First Responders were no different but since then we have provided robust and well received training and support to Orkney's Community First Responders. This has been delivered flexibly recognising the volunteer nature of the schemes and will continue across Orkney and other island communities. We value the role of our 900 community first responders across Scotland and the significant impact they make to patients. "We have made it perfectly clear our willingness to look at a new models across Orkney Island exploring ways to use the range of resources and funding deployed into communities. At the last meeting with our Chief Executive in March 2024 it was agreed the partnership would consider their willingness to undertake this work and were waiting on their response. It is disappointing that Orkney Island Council haven't included Scottish Ambulance Service in their letter to Scottish Government especially as it fails to reference with their outstanding action. Our Chief Executive has restated his position would be more than happy to engage further on this issue to find a solution using the range of island based resources available."

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"These comments are both incorrect and disappointing....

Our Orkney first responders, and the 900 elsewhere across Scotland, are highly valued and are integral to the communities they serve. We have repeatedly made clear our willingness to look at new models across Orkney Island, which includes exploring ways to use the range of resources and funding deployed into communities. At the last meeting with our Chief Executive in March 2024 it was agreed the partnership would consider their willingness to undertake this work, but we are still awaiting their response. Meanwhile, we continue to provide robust and training and support to Orkney's Community First Responders which has been extremely well received."

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Could you send me a copy of the review and its finding because it may help the Orkney Partnership in looking at how we can work with the SAS to support islanders

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The report has not yet been finalised so at this stage I am unable to share it with you. We are expecting to release the report in the next 12 weeks.

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Please could you send the review of Community First Responders and volunteer roles that the Scottish Ambulance Service support across Scotland

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More than happy to do so, due to extraordinary system pressures we have had to deal with due to winter and influenza A we have had to defer publication till the end of January

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Have you been able to finalise the report. If so, could you send either a copy or a link?

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