



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

25th July 2024

Question

Please tell me for the following financial years a) 2022/23, b) 2023/24 how many times ambulances have been called to the below golf courses in your Ambulance Service area for a medical emergency. If possible, for each incident recorded, please state the health condition that led to the call out (e.g. cardiac arrest, broken leg).

- 1) Old Course - W Sands Rd, St Andrews KY16 9XL, UK
- 2) Trump Turnberry - Maidens Road KA26 9LT Turnberry Ayrshire Scotland
- 3) Muirfield - Duncur Rd, Gullane EH31 2EG
- 4) Royal Dornoch Golf Club - Golf Rd, Dornoch IV25 3LW, UK
- 5) North Berwick Golf Club - New Club House, Beach Rd, North Berwick EH39 4BB, UK

Answer

Public authorities are not required to create information in order to answer a request. There's a distinction between creating new information, and compiling information. Where a request can be answered by compiling information from readily-available resources held by the public authority, this is not the same as creating new information. However, if collation of the information would require skill and complex judgement, the information is not held.

I have concluded that, in the case of data about specific locations, we are unable to produce this information without complex skill and judgement. This is because, although we hold information about incidents at specific locations and can report this at a postcode level, to report this at an individual address level we would be required to look at each incident and apply complex judgement. The reason for this is that there are multiple addresses within a postcode, there is also the potential for an incident to occur outside a premises and therefore not be attributed to a specific address. In addition, we do not hold incidents against a category of 'Golf Course'. It is for this reason that we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.