



# Freedom of Information Request

18<sup>TH</sup> July 2024

## Question

At any time in the first half of this year 1/1/24 to 30/6/24 Did your trust pay any money to any HEMS charities?

If yes, how much and what was this in return of?

For the entire of 2023 did your trust pay any money to any HEMS charities?

if yes, what was this in return for and what was the total money paid.

How many incidents did any HEMS charity make patient contact (or confirmed to have booked on scene, which ever is easier for you to provide this data) for each of the first 6 months of 2024?

Does your trust supply any equipment worth over 100 GBP to any charity such as HEMS/HATZOLA/BASICS?

if yes, can you breakdown what is supplied and the approximate cost of these items.

## Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service have not made any payments to HEMS charities in 2023 or 2024. SAS do not supply any equipment to charities such as HEMS/HATZOLA/BASICS.

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. To explain further, the Service holds records of missions that were assigned to HEMs, we do not hold them in a way that makes it reportable on which missions resulted in patient contact. To find this information would require complex skill and judgement of multi-disciplinary teams across the Service.

Please see the table below detailing the 'missions' that HEMS have been involved with for the first 6 months of 2024. Not all HEMS missions will result in patient contact as the aircraft could be stood down prior to arrival on scene if not required, however due to the nature of how SAS task HEMS the frequency of stand down prior to arrival at scene is low.

	Helimed76 Perth	Helimed79 Aberdeen	SCAA
Jan 24	21	22	43
Feb 24	32	23	55
Mar 24	35	33	68
Apr 24	25	25	50
May 24	29	32	61
Jun 24	50	38	88