



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# Freedom of Information Request

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## Question

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3. When the Scottish Ambulance Service provide ambulances for events - if this ambulance goes to hospital can it make use of SAS procedures such as cohorting?

4. Can you please also confirm that the Scottish Ambulance Service has no role in the regulation of event medical providers or private ambulance services? And, therefore, the Scottish Ambulance Service should not comment on the suitability of another provider ?

## Answer

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The Scottish Ambulance Service role in Event Planning & Operations Group (EPOG) or Safety Advisory Groups is, along with partner agencies, to:

- ensure a co-coordinated approach to event and crowd safety.
- Provide all participating agencies with consistent information throughout the planning process.
- Aid communication between organisations.
- Check that appropriate measures are in place to deal with safety related risks.
- Help to outline Roles and Responsibilities with respect to those agencies involved in the planning and organisation of the event
- Consider impact of issues such as local transport network & contingencies in the event of an emergency

**2. Does Scottish Ambulance Service consider any potential conflict of interest given that the organisation offers private hire services for events also?**

No – where the Scottish Ambulance Service is involved in the limited provision of medical cover at events, this would be declared at the EPOG/SAG. The Scottish Ambulance Service does not seek to promote its event service.



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**3. When the Scottish Ambulance Service provide ambulances for events - if this ambulance goes to hospital can it make use of SAS procedures such as cohorting?**

On arrival at hospital, a SAS ambulance will utilise appropriate arrangements to support the delivery of effective patient care.



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The Scottish Ambulance Service has no role in the regulation or monitoring of event medical providers or private ambulance services. This would be a role for Scottish Government to progress. As part of the EPOG/SAG process, we would highlight any issues around the measures in place to deal with safety related issues and also help outline relevant roles and responsibilities where applicable. We would not specifically comment on the suitability of another provider.