



Freedom of Information Request

24th June 2024

Question

I would like to know the number of ambulance callouts where Diabetes was the main reason, whether it was due to hypoglycemia or Hyperglycemia and whether this callout resulted in patients being transported to hospital or left at home with a referral made to further medical treatment.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing the number of incidents attended by the Scottish Ambulance Service with the final diagnostic code of 13. Diabetic for 2023-2024. This information has been broken down by Conveyed, Non-Conveyed and Non-Conveyed & Referred.

Important to note – Referral recording is not mandatory and therefore can be under reported. Some examples of what is classed as a 'referral' are Patients Own GP, OOH GP, Local Pathway, as well as some 'free text' entries.

For the given data, you will see that some of the figures are shown as, five or less than five, this figure has been suppressed because the statistical value is less than five. The Scottish Ambulance service has a duty, under the Data Protection Act to avoid directly or indirectly revealing any personal details. It is therefore widely accepted that provision of statistics on small numbers, five or less are statistically suppressed upon disclosure. Where there is no entry there were no incidents to report.

Financial Year	Number of Incidents	Number Conveyed	Number Not Conveyed	Non Conveyed - Incident Referred
2023 - 2024	6194	4005	2189	321



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Health board area name	Number of Incidents	Number Conveyed	Number Not Conveyed	Non Conveyed - Incident Referred
Ayrshire and Arran	580	371	209	29
Borders	128	81	47	10
Dumfries and Galloway	213	166	47	6
Fife	476	288	188	21
Forth Valley	338	240	98	8
Grampian	581	325	256	66
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	1325	874	451	53
Highland	376	231	145	21
Lanarkshire	817	545	272	29
Lothian	756	489	267	43
Orkney	16	12	<5	
Shetland	13	10	<5	
Tayside	521	336	185	32
Western Isles	26	20	6	<5
	28	17	11	<5