



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

For the year 2023 (date range 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023) how many drug related incidents did the ambulance service respond to?

Answer

Please see the attached sheet detailing two figures for drug-related incidents where the following substances have been indicated as TRUE as provided in your clarification request: Amphetamines, Substances Benzodiazepines, Substances Cocaine, Substances Ecstasy, Substances LSD, Substances New Psychoactive Substances, Substances Opioids, Substances Street Benzodiazepines.

The first figure provided are all incidents that had the final diagnostic code of 23. Overdose identified during the 999 call as the chief complaint, that included at least one of the substances listed above. The Scottish Ambulance Service cannot determine how many of the incidents included in this count were accidental or deliberate overdoses.

The second figure provided are all incidents attended where the clinician on scene identified at least one of the substances listed above. Please note this figure is cumulative and includes the overdose figures provided in the previous table.