



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

28th August 2024

Question

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for amount the Scottish Ambulance Service have spent on taxis in 2019, 2020, 2021 2022 & 2023.

Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service will always dispatch an ambulance for patients who require an ambulance intervention and/or monitoring on route to hospital.

Taxis are only arranged after clinical assessment through our Integrated Clinical Hub or clinicians at scene, who have identified that a patient requires further assessment at hospital, it is safe and appropriate for the patient to travel by this method and not necessary for an emergency ambulance to transport them to hospital.

Please see the Scottish Ambulance Service's total expenditure on taxi services during 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Taxi Contract	£88	£1,054	£867	£51,868	£165,999