



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

Under the FOI Act please provide me with the information below. Do confirm receipt of this request as soon as possible, I am sending this on 19th July 2024. 1. Please state the total number of incidents reported at Edinburgh and Glasgow airport.

a) Of these reported incidents, please provide the total number of incidents with the outcome of – Category 1, 2, and Recognition of Life Extinct (ROLE) recorded in attendance.

b) For each incident attended, please provide clinical impressions using the search parameters following attendance of the injuries: loss of limb, severe blood loss, crushing, internal bleeding, traumatic injury, cardiac arrest, brain injury, skull fracture.

I understand death would only be death at the scene, not death as a result of injuries where the patient has been transferred to a hospital or next stage of care. Please provide this data in a spreadsheet format such as excel. I can provide an example of a table if you provide me with an email address. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Answer

Public authorities are not required to create information in order to answer a request. 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.

I have concluded that, in the case of data about specific addresses, we are unable to produce this information without complex skill and judgement. This is because, although we hold information about incidents at specific locations and can report this at a postcode level, to report this at an individual address level we would be required to look at each incident and apply complex judgement. The reason for this is that there are multiple addresses within a postcode, there is also the potential for an incident to occur outside a premises and therefore not be attributed to a specific address. In addition, we do not hold incidents against a category of 'Airport'. It is for this reason that we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.