



**Scottish
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Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

16th August 2024

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 within EH12 9DN and PA3 2SW 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

Please see the attached sheet where Table 1 and Table 2 in sheet 1 detail the number of incidents attended from 01/04/2019 – 31/03/2024, in the EH12 9DN location and for PA3 2PF, PA3 2ST, PA3 2SW and PA3 2TJ which all cover the Glasgow Airport area. The incidents have been broken down by MPDS colour codes Purple, Red, Amber and Yellow.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE WHEN INTERPRETING THIS DATA

The incidents reported in the tables are inclusive of **ALL** incidents within that postcode area including incidents in the surrounding areas out-with the airports.

The incidents counted in the airport numbers are also inclusive of incidents relating to patients from surrounding islands and flown into the airport. In these circumstances, a land ambulance is called to the airport to meet aircraft (fixed wing or Search and Rescue) to transport the patient to hospital. We are unable to separate out the incidents that happen at the airport and the incidents where the ambulance is called to meet an air ambulance. To do this would be creating new information which we are not obliged to do under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002.



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The second tab on the attached sheet provides figures for where:

- We have been able to identify ROLE and PLE.
- Loss of limb has been identified where 'Exa Wounds Issue' field has contained 'Amputation'
- Severe blood loss has been categorised as 'Catastrophic Haemorrhage' has been populated with 'Yes'
- Crushing has been identified where the field 'Tr Cause Blunt Crush' = 'True'
- Traumatic Injury has been identified where the diagnostic code = 30. Traumatic Injury
- Cardiac Arrest has been identified where the diagnostic code = 09. Cardiac Arrest

It is not possible to identify incidents with injuries of internal bleeding, Brain Injury or skull fracture.

For the given data, you will see that some of the figures are shown as less than five, please note that 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 understood that provision of statistics on small numbers, five or less are statistically suppressed upon disclosure.