



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# **Freedom of Information Request**

## **18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **Question**

The number of air ambulances/helicopters that had to queue outside hospitals while waiting to land so far in 2024 (as of 16 December 2024)?

### **Answer**

The Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) do not routinely record instances where there are delays to inbound helicopters to hospital sites. This is due, in the main, to the fact that SAS have deconfliction procedures in place at the air ambulance tasking desk that would alert an inbound helicopter in advance, allowing the crew to divert to a designated secondary landing site for that facility.

It is for this reason we have applied section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002, information not held.