



Freedom of Information Request

16th August 2024

Question

Please could you respond to this FOIA with the following:

- 1 - 2024 NQP applications vs number of jobs in the West Region
- 2 - Assigned and expected Station Location of all 2024 NQP applicants for West Region
- 3 - Time between NQP interview to start date broken

Answer

1 - 2024 NQP applications vs number of jobs in the West Region

There were 135 applicants for the NQP advert for West Region that closed on 31st January 2024. As an organisation, the Scottish Ambulance Service are aiming to recruit 240 paramedics nationwide with a projection to recruit 110 paramedics into the West Region.

It is important to note - These projections are for the 2024/2025 calendar year and there are many factors to consider before the Scottish Ambulance Service can place NQP's, including availability and location of vacancies. The West Region covers Dumfries and Galloway; Ayrshire and Arran; Argyll and Clyde; Lanarkshire and Glasgow including the west coast islands.

2 - Assigned and expected Station Location of all 2024 NQP applicants for West Region

There are 19 candidates that have been assigned stations from the 2024 intake.

Station	Assigned candidates
Vale of Leven	<5
Cumbernauld	<5
Hamilton	<5
East Kilbride	<5
Leverndale	<5
Springburn	<5
Douglas	<5
Kirkintilloch	<5
Kilwinning	<5
Oban	<5
Paisley	<5

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.



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3 - Time between NQP interview to start date broken

There are many factors that can affect the start date of an NQP:

- Passing the C1 driving category
- Becoming HCPC certified (candidates may not qualify)
- Waiting for references
- Waiting for Disclosure Scotland checks

Each NQP may start at different times, it is for these reasons I am applying section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland as information not held.