



# Freedom of Information Request

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Question

Please could you respond to this FOIA with the following:

1. 2024 NQP applications vs. number of available NQP jobs in the East Region.
2. Assigned and expected Station Location of all 2024 NQP applicants for East Region

## Answer

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

There were 135 applicants for the NQP advert for East Region that closed on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. As an organisation, the Scottish Ambulance Service are aiming to recruit 240 paramedics nationwide with a projection to recruit 52 paramedics into the East 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 East Region covers Edinburgh, East Lothian, Mid Lothian; Borders and West Lothian; Tayside; Fife and Forth Valley.

### 2. Assigned and expected Station Location of all 2024 NQP applicants for East Region

There are 33 candidates that have been assigned stations so far from the 2024 intake.

Station	Assigned Candidates	Station	Assigned Candidates
Arbroath	<5	Leven	<5
Balmossie	<5	St Andrews	<5
Brechin	<5	Balfron	<5
Dundee	<5	Falkirk	<5
Forfar	<5	Sauchie	<5
Perth	5	Dalkeith	<5
Cowdenbeath	<5	Haddington	<5
Cupar	<5	Prestonpans	<5
Dunfermline	<5	Melrose	<5
Glenrothes	<5	Hawick	<5
Kirkcaldy	<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.