



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

For the purposes of innovation industry research, we wish to formally request information on whether the Scottish Ambulance Service provides or plans to provide paramedics and staff with PPE equipment items, specifically stab protection vests. In 2021 a West Midlands Ambulance Service trial of the issuing of stab vests to paramedics made national news, however there is little to no publicly available information about the outcome of this trial or whether other ambulance services provide stab vests to their staff.

Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service provides their staff with suitable and sufficient PPE as required by Health and Safety at Work act 1974.

We do not provide, nor currently have plans to provide staff with stab protection vests. Any potential risks or risks to staff are regularly reviewed in partnership and the Service will take the appropriate action required in relation to the output of these assessments.