



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# Freedom of Information Request

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## Question

Would it be possible to provide the FOISA data as was requested by the BBC but for the extended period between the 1st December – 31st December 2023 for people aged 50 and over (for each NHS board area) and also of those people attended, the numbers of those who were people identified as living with dementia.

## Answer

Please see the attached sheet detailing the number of patients aged 50 and over attended and conveyed to hospital broken down by each NHS Health Board. The patients indicated in the count presented with a temperature reading of below 35 degrees but above 10 degrees. The Scottish Ambulance Service does not use the definition of hypothermia and cannot confirm hypothermia in the numbers provided.

These numbers have been provided for December 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 for context of patterns.

The patient report form completed by crews when attending a patient has an 'Additional Factors' field; this is where crews can note 'Dementia' – this is not a mandatory field. The Scottish Ambulance service has a duty, under the Data Protection Act to avoid directly or indirectly revealing any personal details. The numbers for incidents with the parameters detailed above with the additional factor of Dementia are too low to report on.