



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# Freedom of Information Request

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## Question

Are you commissioned by your integrated Care boards (ICB(s)) to provide a merit (Medical Emergency Response Incident Team) service?

If so, What response is required as commissioned, How is this achieved at an operational level?

If Q1 is yes, What is the cost your trust inherits by having to provide this service? if you could provide me with the cost in both 2022 and 2023 this would be appreciated. If you are unable to provide an exact cost, I would be grateful if you were able to assign an approximate cost.

Are you able to provide me with the document(s) that outlines all services your trust is required to provide as per the commissioning process? If this could be achieved by way of a link to the documents that are online that would be appreciated as unfortunately I'm having difficulty finding exactly which trusts are responsible for what services/procedures.

## Answer

NHS Scotland's and, subsequently, the Scottish Ambulance Service's commissioning services are organised differently to NHS England and therefore does not have Intergrated Care Boards or any equivalent. MERITs are not currently part of the Scottish Ambulance Service's response to major incidents.