



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# Freedom of Information Request

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## Question

1. The total amount of money allocated to the Scottish Ambulance service for the last six financial years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25)

2. A breakdown of spending by the Scottish Ambulance service in the last six years by financial year  
(2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25)

In other words, please how for each year where all the of the SAS's funding was spent by category such as staffing, equipment etc.

3. A summary of the Scottish Ambulance workforce by financial year.

In other words, for each financial year reveal how many paramedics there, drivers, first responders, call takers.

4. How much money has the Scottish Ambulance Service spent on updating equipment in by year in the last 6 years.

5. How much money has the Scottish Ambulance Service spent on buying new equipment in by year in the last 6 years.

## Answer

Please see the information requested in Q1, Q2, Q4 & Q5 published in our remuneration reports that are available on our websites, [Annual Report and Accounts \(scottishambulance.com\)](https://www.scottishambulance.com)

The report for 23/24 has been exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of information Scotland Act 2002, Audit Functions. This exemption applies if its disclosure under this Act would, or would likely to, prejudice substantially the exercise of the Scottish Ambulance Services functions in relation to the audit of the accounts.

The figures in your request for 23/24 are currently going through an audit process and will be published in December 2024 after they have been approved by parliament; figures for 24/25 will be approved and available in December 2025.



**3. A summary of the Scottish Ambulance workforce by financial year.**

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Please see the table below, detailing the count requested in Q3. Please note, figures for each year were true as of 31st of March, financial day end, of each financial year.

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
AMBULANCE PARAMEDIC	1696	1726	1892	2078	2292
AMBULANCE AUXILIARY	3	2	2	2	1
AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT	896	1084	1170	1018	967
AMBULANCE TECHNICIAN	1411	1551	1714	1782	1625
DRIVER	30	868	837	57	53
EMDC OPERATIVE	377	444	447	460	470
OPERATIONAL MANAGER	112	135	159	143	121
PTS DAY CONTROL	80	85	80	82	78