



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

Can you tell me the total amount of DNACPR notices applied to patients within any available SAS recording system from 2015-2022 separated by month and year?

Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service have no role or remit in DNACPR, they do not apply such notices to patients. Such decisions are only made between individual patients, families, or carers and the clinicians responsible for their ongoing care and treatment.

Please see the attached sheet detailing the following:

Tab 1 – Data capturing the total number of incidents where DNACPR has been identified using the field on the patient report form 'Not for Resuscitation' from January 2015 – December 2017.

Important to note; A new clinical system was introduced in 2017 that changed the way data was recorded and captured. There is an overlap between the 2 systems due to a phased implementation.

Tab 2 - Data capturing the total number of incidents where DNACPR has been identified using the field on the patient report form 'Not for Resuscitation' from August 2017 – December 2022.

The introduction of the new clinical system has helped increase in the recording of DNA CPR's and therefore you will note an increase in numbers.

For the given data, you will see that some of the figures are shown as five or 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.