



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

Can you provide a copy of SAS handbook, specifically guidelines for personnel when asked for their badge details and name.

Answer

Please see the attached policy relating to the Scottish Ambulance Service's Identification Card Policy & Management.

The specific guidelines for when SAS Staff are asked for their badge details is found on page 8 under section 5.1:

Staff must present their ID badge for proof of identity to any person requesting it for the purposes of the confirmation that they are representing the Scottish Ambulance Service.

We have redacted sections of the policy that are considered to be sensitive and therefore exempt under Section 31 (1) national security and defence. Under Section 31(1), 'information is exempt information if exemption from disclosure is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.'

Providing the redacted information would potentially allow for replication of SAS ID badges. There is a very strong public interest in preventing potential attackers with useful intelligence relating to the Scottish Ambulance Service's security measures and possible exposure through third parties, which is not in the public interest.