



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide me with:

The total number of calls regarding firework and/or sparkler injuries in 2021, 2022 and 2023, broken down by month. Of the above, the number that involved a patient aged under 18 years of age. Also, of the above, the number of fatal and severe and/or serious injuries.

Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service does not categorise incidents in a way that would make it easily identifiable to determine which involved injuries due to fireworks/sparkler injuries.

Public authorities are not required to create information in order to answer a request. There's a distinction between creating new information, and compiling information. Where a request can be answered by compiling information from readily-available resources held by the public authority, this is not the same as creating new information. However, if collation of the information would require skill and complex judgement, it is for this reason we have applied section 17; the information is not held.