



Freedom of Information Request

27th June 2024

Question

Information required: Requesting localised statistics on the following for 1/4/23- 31/3/24 for the Isle of Skye: -call numbers for possible stroke patients that result in a positive FAST test

-how many of these were transferred to an acute hospital for a CT scan

-time of departure from the Isle of Skye and time received at an acute hospital for a CT scan

Sorry an amendment from previous request which can be ignored. Collecting data for a dissertation I am planning for an MSc course I've applied for in Advanced Nursing Statistics found on the Scottish Stroke Care Audit are not localised for patients from the Isle of Skye, they are shown either under Highland or shown per hospital which doesn't cover hospitals on Skye.

Answer

Please see the tables below detailing the incidents attended for the Isle of Skye where a positive result for FAST test was indicated. The first table indicates the number of incidents attended and the second table indicates where patients were conveyed to.

Please note – There was one incident reported where two hospitals have been noted on the EPRF, it is not possible from the report to be certain which hospital the patient went to and therefore has been included in the count for both hospitals.

Financial Year	Attended Incidents	Attended Where FAST Positive Test Completed	Conveyed	Conveyed Fast Postive
2023 - 2024	27	18	24	16

C3 To Hospital Name	Conveyed	Conveyed Fast Postive
Dr Mackinnon Memorial Hospital (Isle of Skye)	13	9
Raigmore Hospital (Inverness)	12	8
Sum:	25	17

The Scottish Ambulance Service does not hold information on whether a CT scan would have been carried out at hospital, It is for this reason; we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.



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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, the information is not held.

I have concluded that, in the case of times departing Skye and time arrived at hospital we are unable to produce this information without complex skill and judgement. This is because, although we hold information about incident times, to report this at an individual incident level we would be required to apply complex judgement.

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