



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**
Taking Care to the Patient



Chairman Tom Steele
Chief Executive Pauline Howie

Or ref.: FOI 342/18
16 January 2019

Dear Mr Watson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 which has now been processed.

Detail

You asked for the following information:

Can you please provide the amount of financial support / expenses provided by the Scottish ambulance service to the community responder groups located in the North of Scotland.

Please provide the total amount on a group by group basis. I am requesting financial years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Response

Whilst groups are generally self funded in relation to the initial purchase of their First Responder kit bag, SAS provide uniform (hi-viz jacket & ID badge), replacement consumable items and communications equipment.

CFR's are also eligible to claim a mileage allowance for any official journeys, which SAS reimburses; however, we are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of costs by scheme/area.

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which I have dealt with your request, you are entitled to require a review of this decision. Should you decide to request a review you must:

Apply for a review of our decision in writing within 40 working days of the date of this notice and include:

- An address for further correspondence
- A description of the original request and
- The reason(s) why you are dissatisfied with our decision.

You should address your request for a review of decision to:

Mark Hannan
Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement
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National Headquarters,
Gyle Square,

1 South Gyle Crescent,
Edinburgh, EH12 9EB
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The requests for a review would be passed to another manager who was not involved in the original decision to assess the application.

Following the review you would receive notice of the result as soon as possible but in any case within 20 working days of us receiving it. Our response would explain the decision of the reviewer as well as details of how to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner if you remain dissatisfied with the review decision reached by us.

If you wish to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you may do so at the details below. Appeals must be made within six months of

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610
e-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You can also make your appeal online via the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. This link gives you help in real time explaining exactly what is needed so the Commissioner can investigate your case quickly. Please note that this appeal must be made within six months of receiving this response.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Larson
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