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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231131.

You requested the following information, please see our response below:

Please may I request the following information under the freedom of information act:

- 1. The longest ambulance wait in 2023 and 2022, broken down by category.**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

- 2. The number of new ambulances have you bought in across 2023, (if applicable) the number of ambulances due to be bought in by the end of FY23/24.3) Total ambulance fleet at 1.1.2023 and on 1.12.2023.**

- 30 bought in across 2023, 20 estimated as we continue a roll out plan.

Total ambulance fleet at 1.1.2023 was 395 and on 1.12.2023 was 405

- 3. The number of paramedics employed by the ambulance service at 1.1.2023 and on 1.12.2023.**

Please see table below.

	Nov-23	Dec-23
111 Paramedic CAS Clinical Navigator	Less than 10	Less than 10
111 Paramedic Clinical Advisor	11	10
Advanced Paramedic Practitioner - Urgent & Emergency Care	111	108
Ambulance Paramedic	800	811
Consultant Paramedic - Clinical Education & Training	Less than 10	Less than 10
Consultant Paramedic Critical Care & Resuscitation	Less than 10	Less than 10
Consultant Paramedic Urgent & Emergency Care	Less than 10	Less than 10
Critical Care Paramedic	64	64
HEMS Paramedic	Less than 10	Less than 10
Medicines Operational Lead (Paramedic)	Less than 10	Less than 10
Newly Qualified Paramedic (NQP)	488	509
Paramedic (Supported Development)	18	18
Paramedic Practitioner	25	24
Paramedic Senior Research Fellow	Less than 10	Less than 10
Senior Research Paramedic	Less than 10	Less than 10
Student Critical Care Paramedic	Less than 10	Less than 10
Student Paramedic	128	123
Student Paramedic Practitioner	35	35

4. The longest ambulance handover wait in 2023 and 2022.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

5. whether any specialist mental health vehicles were purchased in FY 2022/23 or are due to be purchased by the end of FY 2023/24.

No specialist mental health vehicles have been purchased or are due to be purchased.

Figures less than 10, we are unable to provide the exact numbers as this may be identifiable to individuals.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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