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The trust is in receipt of your information request, thank you. Please accept this formal response, which has been given the internal reference quoted above. Please quote this reference number in any correspondence.

Request

You asked us:

Please see my Freedom of Information request below.

How many physical assaults have there been on paramedics by members of the public in the past ten years? - Please break down year by year.

Please breakdown the types of assaults faced by paramedics (punching, spitting etc).

How many paramedics have resigned from your service each year over the past ten years?

How many paramedics have left the force (not including retirements) each year over the past ten years.

What was the average length of service for paramedics leaving the service each year of the past ten years.

How many paramedics have taken leave citing PTSD or any other mental health conditions each year over the past ten years.

We have processed your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Response

The formal Trust response follows.

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.



How many physical assaults have there been on paramedics by members of the public in the past ten years? - Please break down year by year.

These are all assaults on road staff not just paramedics. We cannot differentiate between technicians, paramedics and other patient facing staff groups.

2024 - 331
2023 - 272
2022 – 221
2021 – 231
2020 - 233
2019 - 235
2018 - 186
2017 - 181
2016 - 214
2015 - 151

Please breakdown the types of assaults faced by paramedics (punching, spitting etc).

Punching, scratching, biting, spitting, kicking

How many paramedics have resigned from your service each year over the past ten years?

Data ran from Jan-Dec for years from 2015-2024. 2025 ran from Jan-present

Year	Paramedic Count	All Ambulance Staff Count	Total
2015	61	77	138
2016	67	130	197
2017	80	137	217
2018	88	86	174
2019	71	83	154
2020	54	92	146
2021	67	135	202
2022	87	137	224
2023	61	136	197
2024	50	103	153
2025	10	28	38



How many paramedics have left the force (not including retirements) each year over the past ten years.

Year	Ambulance Paramedic Count	All Ambulance Staff Count	Total
2015	75	95	170
2016	75	146	221
2017	95	152	247
2018	97	104	201
2019	76	108	184
2020	62	120	182
2021	78	164	242
2022	103	170	273
2023	69	174	243
2024	57	138	195
2025	10	36	46

What was the average length of service for paramedics leaving the service each year of the past ten years.

Year	Paramedic Average	All Ambulance Staff Average	Total
2015	8.6	10.1	18.7
2016	8	10.8	18.8
2017	9.11	9.9	19.01
2018	9.2	8.4	17.6
2019	7.5	8	15.5
2020	9.1	7.2	16.3
2021	8	6.8	14.8
2022	8.8	7.7	16.5
2023	8.4	6.2	14.6
2024	6.8	6.3	13.1
2025	10.2	8.5	18.7

How many paramedics have taken leave citing PTSD or any other mental health conditions each year over the past ten years.

We are unable to provide an answer to as this data is not available from ESR.

Next steps

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our response. If you would like us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. This will be conducted by someone who



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was not involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

Should you remain dissatisfied following our internal review, you can complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://ico.org.uk/for-the-general-public/what-you-can-do-if-youre-not-satisfied-with-a-response-to-your-complaint/) (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

The ICO's postal address is:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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