

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004**

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**Question/s to be answered**

I am looking for information, for each financial year since 2017/18 to 2022/23 (most recent), regarding:

1. The number of times an ambulance has been placed on 'divert' to another hospital with a patient in it

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2. The number of times an ambulance has been placed on 'divert' to another hospital which is outwith that Health Board. For example, if an ambulance was called to an incident in Falkirk, but the ambulance was diverted from Forth Valley Hospital to another hospital in a different health board.

Can I also have a breakdown of the data by location, and why the diversion took place (no capacity etc)?

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Only 1 hospital operates within NHS Shetland and Shetland is an island with the fastest road connection to another hospital being an approximately 8 hour vehicle ferry to a hospital in Orkney. Therefore it is impossible for ambulances in NHS Shetland to be diverted to another hospital.