

Ready for the Games



The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is the biggest event we have ever planned for.

As we count down to the start of London 2012, our Deputy Chief Executive Martin Flaherty explains how we are going to manage this international sporting event.

[Watch our interview with Martin about Games preparations.](#)

NHS ambulance colleagues offer support to London



Around 200 frontline ambulance staff from across the country have come to the capital to provide support to our Service during Games times.

They will be crewed alongside our staff to provide medical care in Games venues and will work in our Games control room where we handle 999 calls.

[Find out about the additional support we have called upon to support the Games and maintain our service across London over the busy summer period.](#)

Secretary of State visits ahead of Games



Secretary of State, Andrew Lansley, visited us this month to meet staff and hear about our Games planning.

He spoke with call takers who will take emergency calls and send vehicles to Olympic venues, and to staff who will work in venues.

Following his visit, he said: "I am confident that, with these extra frontline staff and new vehicles throughout the busy Games period, the London Ambulance Service will be able to maintain the high quality ambulance service that thousands of Londoners experience every day."

Ambulance staff carry Olympic torch

Two members of our staff carried the Olympic flame during its journey to the Olympic Park.

Jim Mundy, 61, whose work involves taking patients to and from hospital appointments jogged along the route in Redhill, Surrey, a week after having a major operation to remove a tumour.

And medic Tracy Russell carried the torch in place of 7/7 survivor Gill Hicks who was unable to fly back to the UK to carry it due to health reasons. Tracy was one of the first people to treat Gill after she was critically injured, and they have become close friends.

Read about [Jim](#) and [Tracy's](#) experiences.



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