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Query:

Dear London Ambulance Service,

I am trying to undertake a project into the UK ambulance services and was wondering if you were able to provide me with a few facts:

- How many ambulances and RRV's are run by the LAS?
- Do the PTS trucks carry pain relief?
- Does the Trust use private ambulance services to cover some of the workload?

Many Thanks for your help,

Kind Regards,



Response:

Responded: 21/07/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA)

1. Our Fleet is comprised as follows:

Vehicle Type	No of Vehicles
Ambulance	375
MRU	23
RRU	211
PTS	140
All other support Vehicles	249
Total	998

See also

http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/talking_with_us/freedom_of_information/classes_of_information/who_we_are_and_what_we_do.aspx

2. PTS staff do not carry pain relief. In the event of any incident, PTS staff would seek assistance from hospital staff or via our control room for a front line resource to be dispatched.

3. We occasionally use private ambulance services to cover PTS but more usually voluntary ambulance services at major events and occasionally lower priority emergencies. We also have in place a community responder scheme, see

http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/calling_999/who_will_treat_you/single_responder/ambulance_community_responder.aspx

Yours sincerely

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