



Ref: ATISN 24886

22 July 2025

Dear ,

ATISN 24886 – Paramedic Science Study

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 30 June 2025 regarding the Paramedic Science student funding.

You have requested the following:

- 1. How many places did Welsh Gov fund on paramedic science in the following years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025*
- 2. How does Welsh government ensure and workforce plan for jobs associated with funded places?*
- 3. What efforts are made to ensure that jobs are available when funding places to study paramedic science?*
- 4. How many funded places are awarded to students for paramedic science from Wales for each of the following years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025*
- 5. What proportion of students from Wales successfully secured a job with WAST in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025?*
- 6. How many funded students from Wales for each of the following years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 secured a job with WAST?*

Our Response

1. The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) announced that from 2021 paramedic science education had to be at degree level, meaning they withdrew approval for any paramedic programmes below degree level from 1st September 2021. Consequently, the degree level BSc in Paramedic Science was introduced in Wales in 2020, replacing the previous diploma qualification.

The Welsh Government funds places on commissioned healthcare courses in accordance with the Education and Training Commissioning Plan produced on an annual basis by Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW).

Links to the published E&T plans, other plans available from HEIW

heiw.nhs.wales/files/et-2025-26/



<https://heiw.nhs.wales/files/education-and-training-plan-2024-25/>

<https://heiw.nhs.wales/files/heiw-etp-2023-24/>

<https://heiw.nhs.wales/files/education-and-training-plan-2022-23/>

Prior to this date the commissioning annexes can no longer be accessed online, but previous funded numbers were:

Academic Year 2021/2022 – 105 (75 BSc and 30 EMT conversion courses)

Academic Year 2020/2021 – 82 (52 BSc and 30 EMT conversion courses), some diploma courses were also offered in this final year of the diploma.

(Figures taken directly from the 2021/22 and 2020/21 HEIW Training and Education plans respectively).

2. Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW), the statutory education body for the NHS in Wales and education commissioners, undertake this role as part of the production of the annual Education and Training Commissioning Plan. Should you require further information on this process you should contact HEIW directly. You can contact them using the following email - heiw.foi@wales.nhs.uk
3. See response to question 2.
4. Welsh Government does not hold this information you may wish to contact HEIW.
5. Welsh Government does not hold this information; you may wish to contact the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST). You can contact them using the following email - FOI.amb@wales.nhs.uk
6. See response to question 5.

Next Steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,