

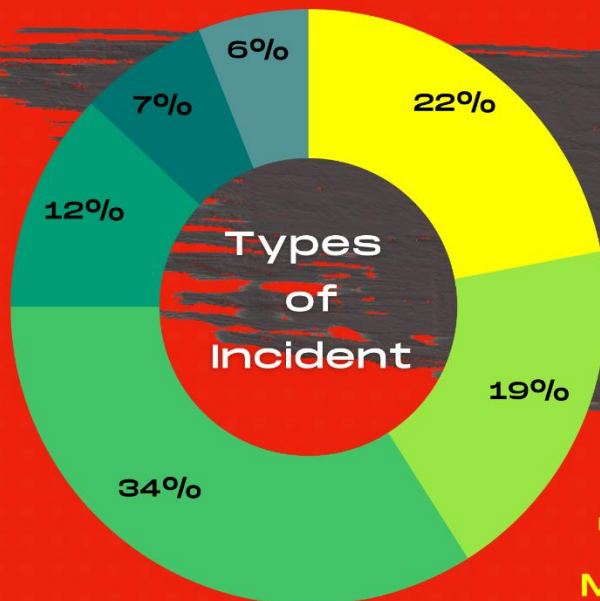


SUFFOLK ACCIDENT RESCUE SERVICE

SARS Update 2023

SARS OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

2022



Cardiac Arrests

RTO's

Medical

Falls

Sport and other

Psychiatric

472

Mobilisations

32%

1st on Scene

“Thank you for being there and saving my life”

SARS patient successfully resuscitated and treated after a cardiac arrest in August 2022



SARS team doctor, Ben Peirce

We have been very grateful for the support of our local councils in recent years. SARS receives no central government funding and your grants and donations have helped us to maintain and expand our clinical activity in Suffolk. In the last year, SARS clinicians have responded to over 470 call outs mobilising to time-critical medical incidents in multiple locations across all the districts of our rural county. In over 30% of the incidents they attended, SARS volunteer responders were the first medical resource on scene. Once on scene, our clinicians were able to offer a wide scope of advanced treatment to patients, which would not normally be available outside the hospital environment. This included advanced airway management, anaesthesia and sedation, specialist pain relief (analgesia) and surgical procedures. The presence of a SARS responder helped achieve many positive patient outcomes including some genuinely life-saving interventions.



SARS volunteer responders Josh & Drew enroute to a serious road traffic collision in Suffolk 2022



SARS volunteer paramedic Jared leading CPR

Apart from directly treating more patients last year, we also re-established our public education programme, which focuses on showcasing basic life-saving skills to members of the local community. SARS have a specific focus on CPR and defibrillator awareness sessions due to the number of cardiac arrests that we attend on a regular basis. SARS know what a positive difference bystander CPR can make to the survival rate of patients suffering out of hospital cardiac arrests and we want to help address this.

This public education service is also provided on a voluntary basis without charge to the schools, businesses and community groups who take up this opportunity.



SARS volunteer responders Zoey, Dan and Colin and their team kit in SMED27 funded by donations

Thanks to our supporters last year, we were able to invest in three new advanced monitors (worth £12500 each), 1 automated chest compression system, several sets of PPE for our team responders, specialist drug infusion equipment, training courses and numerous other items of medical kit which are crucial to maintaining our clinical resource. We are also in the process of purchasing a new ventilator for our team response vehicle.

These investments which total nearly £100,000 have only been possible due to the generous commitment of our supporters including our local councils and we would like to thank all who donate to us for the difference they are making in helping us achieve such a positive impact in the Suffolk area.

For further information about our activity and impact please visit our website www.sars999.org.uk or contact us at SARS HQ admin@sars999.org.uk, 01359244186.