

PARAMEDICS

Role in

PUBLIC HEALTH



Health Protection

Paramedics lead in emergency preparedness, resilience, and response (EPRR) to major and critical incidents.

We deliver national screening and immunisation programmes.

We always ensure infection prevention and control.



Population Healthcare

Paramedics bring healthcare to the patient, contributing to equitable access for different communities.

We reduce avoidable admissions to hospital through the use of alternative care pathways.

We support early identifications and interventions of chronic diseases e.g. atrial fibrillation, diabetes, hypertension.



Wider Determinants

Paramedics support access to healthcare services. We are often the first and only healthcare professionals that people in some inclusion health groups have contact with.

We often see people in their living environment and are able to advocate intervention to improve factors which impact people's health.



Health Improvement

Paramedics use Making Every Contact Count (MECC) e.g. falls prevention, smoking cessation, mental wellbeing, and substance use.

We take a holistic approach to our patients, referring to social prescribers for non-clinical needs.

We champion public awareness campaigns e.g. CPR awareness, Public Access Defibrillators, FAST, Choose Well.



Examples of work sectors

Ambulance Services, General Practice, Minor Injury Units, Urgent Care Centres and Emergency Departments (ED), telehealth and telecare services, refugee, asylum and custody healthcare and in remote and offshore sectors.
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