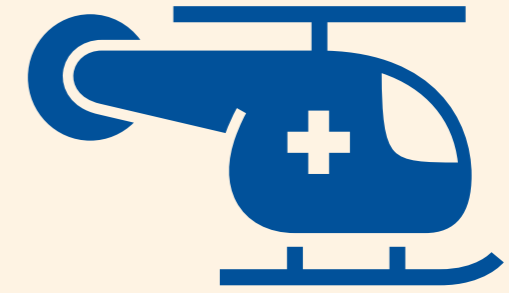


# PARAMEDIC



A newly qualified paramedic in the NHS will typically start on a salary of AfC band 5 £24,214 outside of London, progressing to band 6 within 24 months. <sup>[1]</sup>

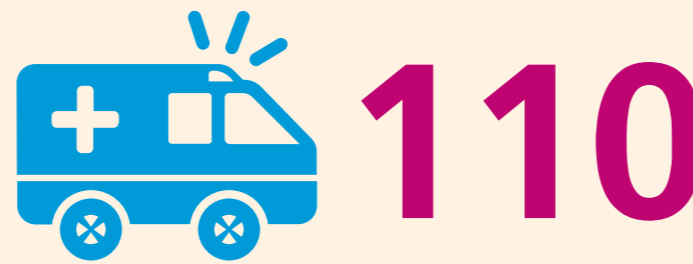


## What do paramedics do?

Paramedics respond to 999 and 111 calls and are trained in all aspects of urgent and emergency care. They work from ambulances, cars, motorbikes and bicycles. <sup>[2]</sup>



27,826 paramedics are registered with the Health and CareProfessions Council. <sup>[3]</sup>



There are currently more than 100 vacancies for paramedics working at different levels in the NHS. <sup>[4]</sup>



## Entry requirements

To become a paramedic, you can either take the university route or be employed by an ambulance service to join as a student paramedic or a paramedic degree apprentice. Each university and ambulance service sets its own entry requirements so it's important to check carefully. <sup>[5]</sup>



There are ten ambulance trusts across England. Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have their own ambulance services. <sup>[6]</sup>



**43** approved courses in paramedic science/practice across the UK. <sup>[7]</sup>



## Where the role can lead

With experience you could become a team leader, manager or enter teaching or research. With extra training and qualifications you could become a specialist paramedic taking on more responsibility for treatment. <sup>[2]</sup>

**'What they say'**

"There's lots of room for career progression in this role." <sup>[8]</sup>

Elisha Miller,  
(paramedic)

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