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Scottish Ambulance Service & Penicuik Community First Responders

Annual AGM 9th May 2025



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Agenda for the Penicuik Community First Responders Meetings 9th May 2025

AGM

1. Welcome
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Coordinator's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Conclusion of the current management committee
8. Formation of the new management committee
9. AOCB
10. Closing the AGM

Mark Halliday, Chairperson
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Yvonne Mitchell, Coordinator
Fiona Hall, Treasurer
Mark Halliday, Chairperson
Maureen Sanford, Beeslack CHS

New committee Chairperson



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Annual Chairpersons Report

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chairperson of Penicuik Community First Responders for the past 8 years. I have been fortunate to work alongside a dedicated committee and a team of committed responders who continue to give so much of their time and energy to our community. I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported me throughout this journey.

November this year will mark our 20th anniversary, a significant milestone and a moment for us all to reflect with pride on the difference PCFR has made in our community over two decades. We hope to arrange a suitable event to mark this occasion later in the year.

Over the past year, we (again, mostly Fiona) have trained an incredible 217 people. This is a phenomenal achievement, largely driven by Fiona and her team of volunteers. Fiona, thank you for your continued passion and professionalism in delivering these lifesaving courses. I know that we have already made a great start to further training in 2025!

While we've seen fewer active responders this year, we acknowledge the dynamic nature of volunteering, some responders have come and gone due to personal and professional commitments. Nevertheless, their contributions remain greatly appreciated.

In December, several responders were particularly proud to receive the King's Coronation Medals. These are a reflection on the commitment shown by many volunteers and were awarded to several of our active responders, another well-deserved recognition of their service.

Our GoFundMe page continues to provide crucial support, helping us to maintain the existing 8 PCFR-funded Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) and to explore installation opportunities in new locations. We have received several donations throughout the year, which Fiona will talk us through in more detail shortly. Our PADs have been deployed 9 times throughout 2024 by the Scottish Ambulance Service to provide emergency intervention or standby in potential cardiac arrest scenarios.

Our official website, www.penicuikcfr.com, has generated interest and messages throughout the year and has been a great tool for recording our good news stories. We hope it becomes a valuable resource for the community.

Before I hand over to Yvonne, who will walk you through the figures for 2024, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our responders and committee members. Your commitment, enthusiasm, and selflessness are what make PCFR such a vital part of our local emergency response system.

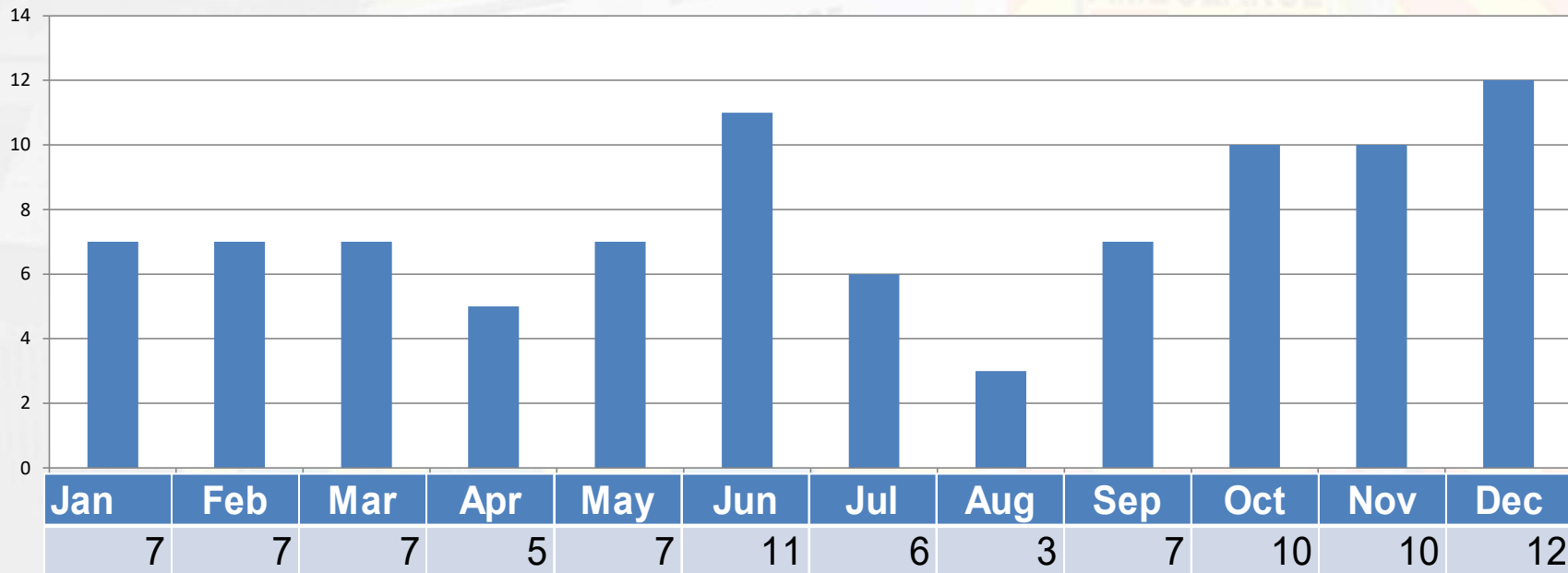
Here's to the continued growth and success of PCFR as we move into our third decade!

Mark Halliday - Chairperson



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2024 Monthly Call Outs



Total 92 Calls



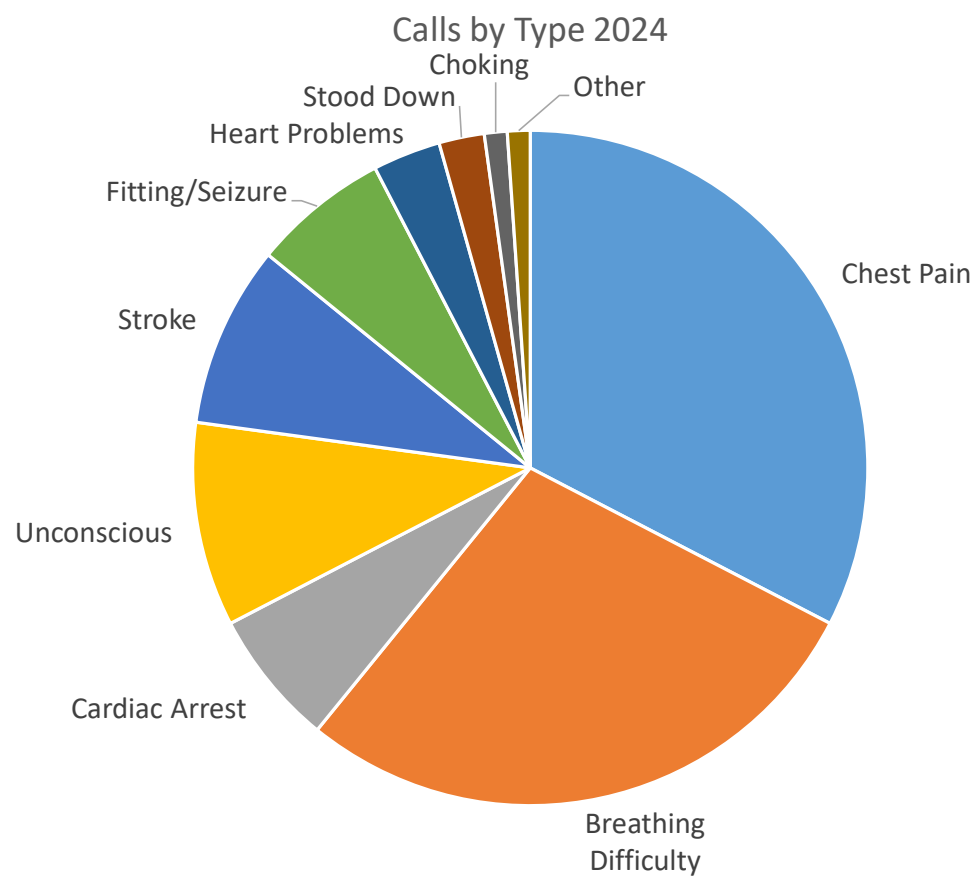
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2024 Calls by Type



Type of Call	Count
Chest Pain	30
Breathing Difficulty	26
Cardiac Arrest	6
Unconscious	9
Stroke	8
Fitting/Seizure	6
Heart Problems	3
Stood Down	2
Choking	1
Other	1
Grand Total	92



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Calls By Type (Historic)

Call by type:	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abdo Pain					1		1			
Allergic Reaction					2					
Breathing Difficulties	63	36	16	42	25	10	24	12	20	26
Cardiac Arrest	17	5	5	11	4	2	4	5	4	6
Chest Pain	72	45	22	59	29	7	19	21	17	30
Fitting/Seizures	10	10	2	5	4	2	2	2	3	6
Diabetic	10	1	0	1						
Heart Problems	4	5	2	4	4	2	1	2	1	3
Stroke	21	8	8	11	12	6	10	7	10	8
Choking	0	1	0	0					1	1
Stood down	0	2	1	0		1		5	9	2
Unconscious	37	27	7	12	7	5	6	13	1	9
Other/Unknown	31	6	1	10	1		5	2	9	1



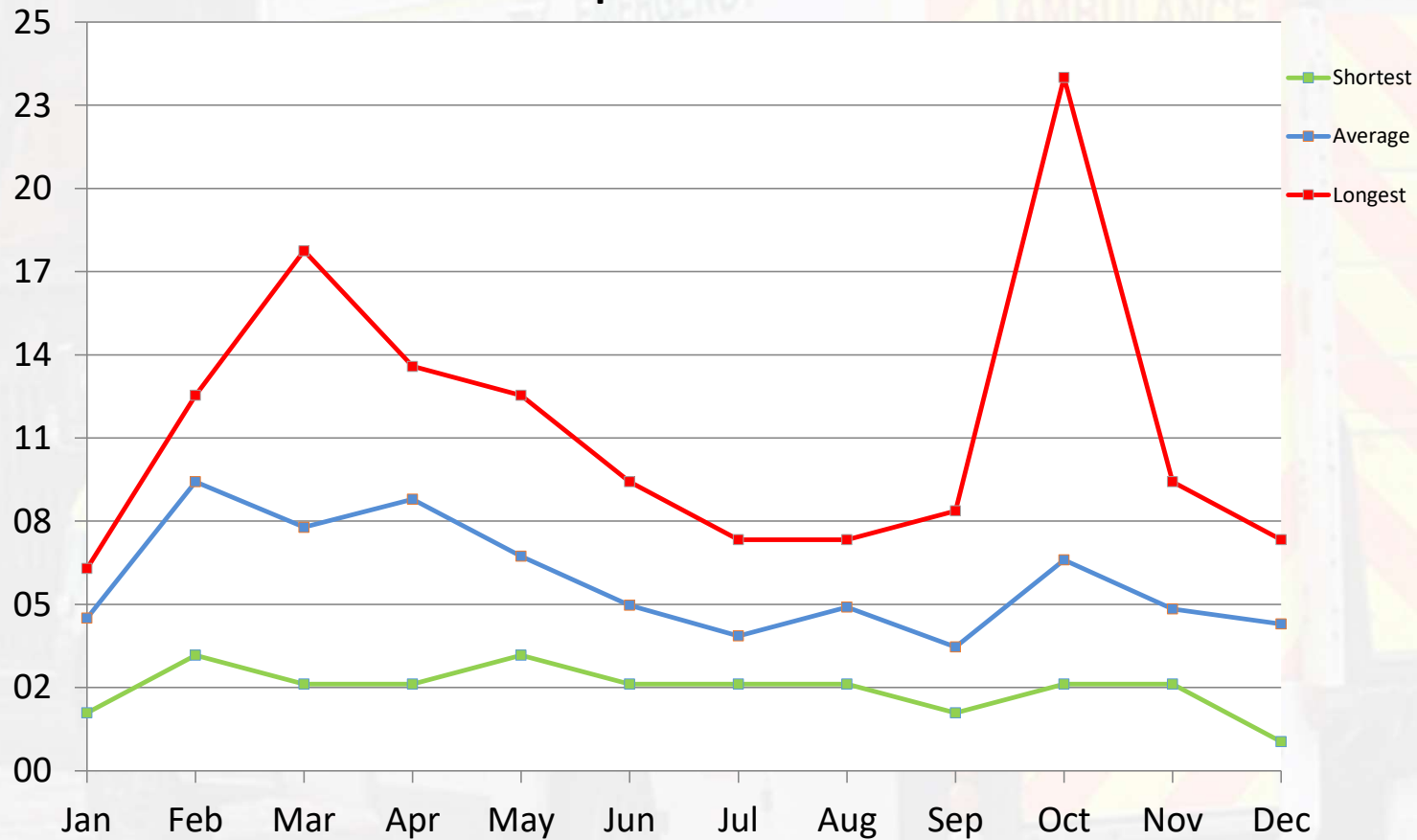
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Response times 2024



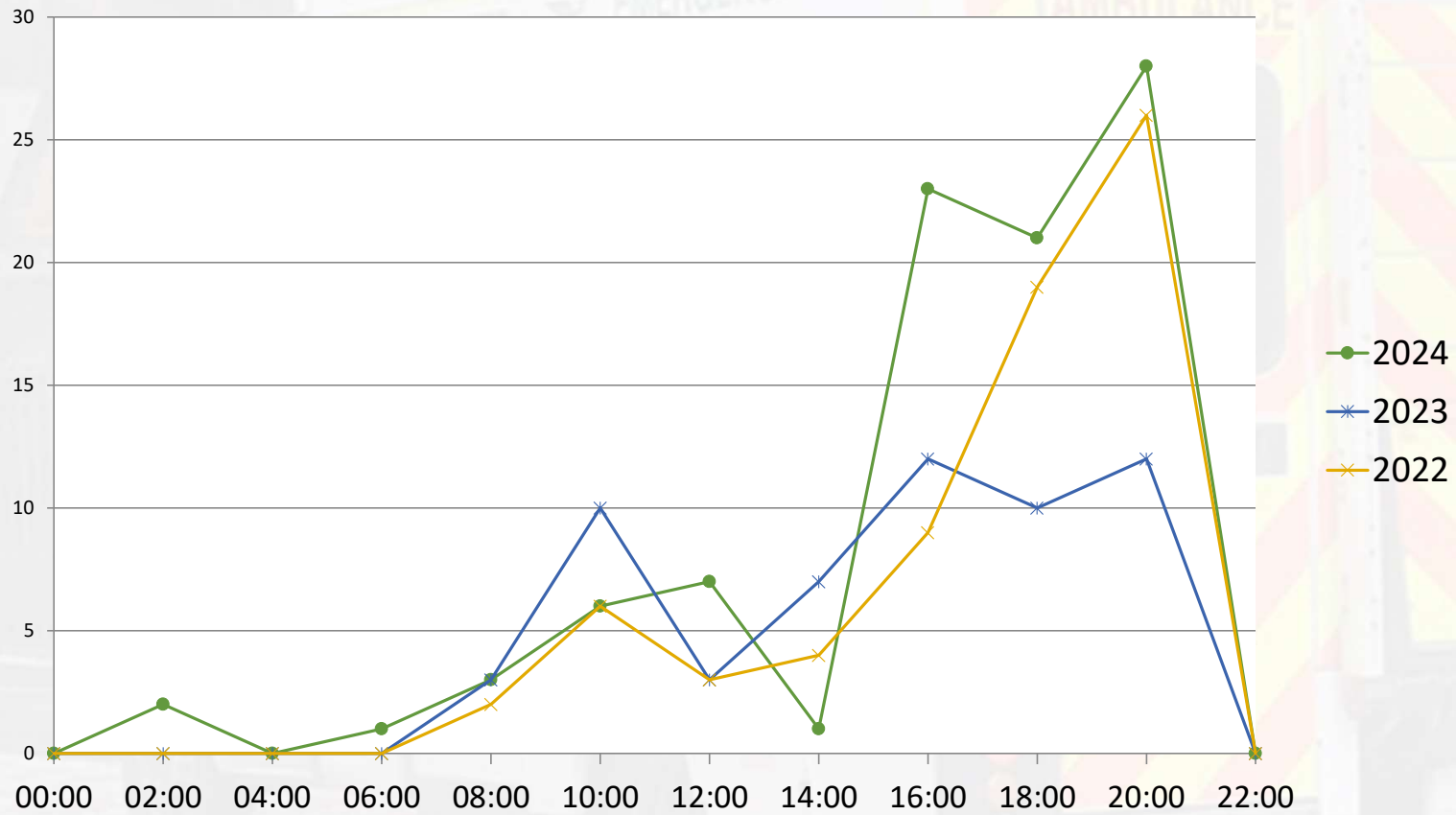
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Calls by time - last 3 years



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Yearly Comparisons & Hours Covered 2024

Year(s)	Call Outs	Average Response Times	Hours Covered (%)
2005/6	233	5.3	83
2006/7	296	5.04	88
2007/8	305	5.07	89
2008/9	265	5.27	81
2009/10	260	5.3	83
2010/11	318	5.23	81
2011/12	290	5.4	79
2012/13	205	5.6	57
2013/14	206	4.61	46.5
2014/15	265	4.77	58
2015/16	146	5	35
2016/17	65	4	24
2017/18	155	6	37
2018/19	89	5	22
2019/20	35	5	9
2021	72	4	20
2022	69	4	18
2023	75	5	22
2024	92	6	20

Total number of call outs: 3441

Month	Hrs In Month	Hrs Covered	% Covered
Jan	744	170	23%
Feb	696	148	21%
Mar	744	132	18%
Apr	720	142	20%
May	744	146	20%
Jun	720	124	17%
Jul	744	151	20%
Aug	744	193	26%
Sep	720	117	16%
Oct	744	168	23%
Nov	720	133	18%
Dec	744	140	19%
Total	8784	1767	20%



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Basic Life Support Courses Completed Throughout 2024



Venue	Date	No.'s	Trainers
Glencorse Golf Club	22 nd Feb	11	FH/SW
Penicuik Cricket Club	3 rd Mar	7	FH
Penicuik Cricket Club	10 th Mar	5	FH
Tandem Cyclists	23 rd Mar	18	FH/BL
Scouts, Kirkhill	23 rd May	15	FH
Cuiken Primary School P6&7	28 th May	70	FH/YM
Cuiken Primary School P5	4 th Jun	44	FH/YM
Probus Group, Portobello	19 th Sep	30	FH/GK
Penicuik Rotary Club	29 th Oct	17	FH / DW
			FH
120 Children, 97 Adults	TOTAL	217	



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PCFR New Website! www.penicuikcfr.com



Bowled over by the great training

17/01/2025

Many thanks to Fiona Hall and Sandy Wann, from Penicuik Community First Responders.



Trip to the coast for an "honest" and "virtuous" Basic Lifesaving Course.

19/09/2024

PCFR were delighted to be in Portobello today with the Portobello & Joppa Parish Church for the Probus Group. Fiona and our ex-colleague Gilbert delivered a greatly received BLS course to the 30 attendees who were more than happy to get a bit hands on experience.



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PCFR - PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

(The
circuit)

Put your
defibrillator
on the map



	Location	Brand	Model	Device Serial Number	Pads Expire	Reg with The Circuit	AED Deployed By the SAS
1	CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, 14A JOHN STREET, PENICUIK	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B17D-01604	29 Novemebr 2025	14 August 2019	06 September 2023 11 January 2023 30 July 2022 24 March 2022 04 December 2021 24 November 2020 20 July 2024 01 August 2024 03 December 2024 10 December 2024
2	GLENCORSE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH ROAD, MILTON BRIDGE PENICUIK, EH26 ORD	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B13G-01127	12 December 2025	14 August 2019	27 October 2022 31 August 2024
3	PENICUIK RUGBY CLUB, PUBLIC PARK, PENICUIK, Midlothian, EH26 9BJ	Mindray	BeneHeart C1A	AF1-23031975	22 October 2026	14 August 2019	22 August 2022 14 April 2021 07 March 2020 13 June 2024
4	CUIKEN PRIMARY SCHOOL- 150 CUIKEN TERRACE, PENICUIK, Midlothian, EH26 0AH	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B16E-50885	16 November 2024	14 August 2019	18 September 2022 02 April 2021 29 November 2021 08 October 2021 31 May 2020 13 December 2019 25 September 2019
5	Shottstown Miners Club, 165 John Street, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 8AT	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B08B-01459	12 April 2026	22 December 2019	23 February 2023 23 December 2022 29 November 2022 11 September 2022 06 March 2022 19 January 2022 01 November 2021 07 July 2021 02 May 2021 24 March 2021 01 July 2024
6	Ymca, Queensway, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 0JJ	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B19J-00800	29 November 2025	16 October 2020	11 December 2023 12 April 2022 29 January 2022 03 January 2021
7	The Glencorse Centre, 4 Firth Road, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 0QZ	Laerdal Philips	HeartStart FRx	B18H-03979	12 December 2025	05 March 2021	14 February 2025
8	60-62 Kirkhill Road, Kirkhill, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 8JF	Mindray	BeneHeart C1A	AF1-24040593	17 January 2027	29 November 2022	30 July 2023 24 November 2024 9th October 2024



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Some photos From The Year



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