



2024

629
mobilisations
98
team shifts

28% First on
scene
120+ different
locations

9000+
volunteer hours
500 CPR sessions

INTERVENTIONS

Advanced Airway
Ventilation
Aerogen

Anaesthesia
Sedation
Advanced analgesia

LUCAS
Ultrasound
Surgery
Specialist Splinting



EXPENDITURE
£250,000

Advanced Monitors
Ventilators
Defibrillator Pads
Batteries
Thermal Blankets

Blue Light Insurance
Blue Light
Installations
RRV Maintenance

Training Courses
PPE and Uniform
Equipment Bags

SARS continues to be very grateful for the support of our local councils. We receive no central government funding and your grants are allowing us to expand and sustain our clinical operations across Suffolk.

In 2024, we recruited eight new clinicians into the charity and ran nearly 100 team shifts on our rapid response vehicles responding to serious medical emergencies across the region.



Dr Ben Peirce, Consultant Anaesthetist, new SARS solo responder 2024

We also set up three new solo clinicians including two consultant anaesthetists who are able to undertake advanced procedures at an incident scene before accompanying patients to hospital. These interventions can be truly life-saving and are not normally possible outside the hospital environment.

In total, SARS clinicians responded to 629 call outs mobilising to time-critical medical incidents in multiple locations across all the districts of our rural county. In around 28% of the incidents they attended, our responders were the first medical resource on scene. On arrival our clinicians were able to offer a wide scope of advanced treatment to patients. 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.



SARS team doctor practicing advanced airway procedures

With your support, we were able to fund further investments in our clinical operations including training courses for our junior clinicians to enable them to lead SARS teams in the future.

We also purchased new equipment including additional advanced monitors specialist nebulisers to treat patients with life-threatening respiratory illnesses, ventilators, specialist splints, blankets and numerous other items of medical equipment.

A quarter of our current clinical activity continues to involve responding to patients in cardiac arrest. Therefore, throughout 2024 we offered free sessions to the public to highlight the importance of learning CPR and understanding how to use a defibrillator. Last year saw SARS deliver public education CPR programmes across Suffolk to a variety of groups, businesses and other organisations. We hope that this element of our activity will continue to encourage our local communities to understand the value of this basic life-saving skill and through that help save future lives.



Equipment funded by voluntary donations

Each year we seek to bring additional clinicians into the charity. This ensures sustainability and means we can treat more patients. We regularly need to replace equipment and drugs for our clinicians who carry significant amounts of kit. We also want to continue to fund the specialist prehospital courses that help progress our clinicians and ensure that they provide the highest standards of prehospital care.

Your support will help us achieve these objectives and together we can make a lifesaving difference for many years to come.

“I cannot thank you enough for your care, I felt so helpless and I still can't think about what could have happened if he did not get the help he needed as quickly as he did.”

Mother of SARS patient treated in December 2024



SARS team clinicians 2024

For further information about our activity and impact, please visit our website

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Our Annual Report and Impact Statement can be found on the Charity Commission website by following this link,

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/5076117>