



**BASICS SCOTLAND**  
BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IMMEDIATE CARE, SCOTLAND



## AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEM (aVLS)

The Automatic Vehicle Locator System (aVLS) is the established way to track and alert BASICS Providers from the three Scottish Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Despatch Centres. The units are now being successfully used in Highland, Grampian, Tayside, Borders, Dumfries and Galloway and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board areas.

The aVLS combines GPS and mobile phone technologies to create a visible reminder to the ambulance controllers on their screen of the availability and locality of a Practitioner willing and able to assist with CATEGORY A ambulance calls. This is in line with an agreed call out criteria between BASICS Scotland and the SAS. The present unit is portable and allows practices to share a unit between Doctors. Individual availability can be turned on and off by means of a toggle switch on each unit. An expectation of provision of service after hours is expected; if this is not feasible the doctor and/or practice may still apply to be showing on the ambulance control screens as a 'fixed resource'. This is arranged by discussion with your local BASICS SAS VLS representative.



BASICS Scotland, with the continued financial support of The Sandpiper Trust ([www.sandpipertrust.org](http://www.sandpipertrust.org)), are currently able to offer a VLS unit to any Doctor in Scotland who has successfully completed a BASICS course, been equipped with a Sandpiper bag and who has access to a defibrillator. BASICS Scotland recommends obtaining the PHEC certificate. Some experience in the pre-hospital environment is mandatory but further local guidance and support can be provided if required. VLS allocations are conditional on the agreement of the SAS who fund the ongoing costs of VLS units. Responders are also required to agree to abide by the terms of reference agreed in each Health Board area for BASICS responders. Membership of BASICS Scotland is highly recommended. One of the many benefits of membership is the provision of an ACPOS accredited responder card.

Please contact your BASICS SAS VLS representative if you wish to discuss becoming a BASICS responder in your area.

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