



Paediatric Bags - Greater Manchester Ambulance Service

Purpose and Scope

Following a recent consultation with front-line paramedic staff, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service has identified a need for greater efficiency in dealing with emergencies involving children and babies. At present much of the equipment carried by ambulances is designed for use on adults. When attending emergencies involving children and babies, smaller and more delicate equipment is required. The service is shortly introducing a greater range of medicines and equipment specifically for use on paediatric casualties. Paramedics need quick and easy access to this equipment.

These Paediatric Bags are an innovative development that allow emergency staff to carry in one convenient bag an extensive range of specific paediatric equipment and supplies in an easy to use arrangement. The bag incorporates colour coded interior bags to reflect certain age ranges of child and also child friendly items such as paediatric diagnostic kit, illustrated plasters and dressings.

Benefits

By providing one of these bags for each of the 150 vehicles in the Greater Manchester fleet, we would be ensuring that children can receive the best possible care immediately as the paramedic arrives on the scene.

Costs

Full breakdown of items required:

- Paediatric bag
- Disposable Magills Forceps
- Disposable Laryngoscope Blades
- Reusable Laryngoscope Handles
- Paediatric Diagnostic kit
- Paediatric / Neo natal Bag Valve Masks
- Paediatric Peak Flow Metres
- Paediatric / Neonatal Stylets

The Ambulance Service requires 150 of these bags to equip every ambulance in the fleet. We have negotiated an overall cost of £265.00 for each bag, and as a charity we do not pay VAT on medical items. Therefore there is a total project cost of £39,750.00.

Greater Manchester Ambulance Service will continue to fund and replace all consumables as they are used.