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ABSTRACT

In the face of escalating challenges in emergency healthcare services, achieving resilience has emerged as a critical objective. This research paper examines the potential of a location-based emergency ambulance booking system to bolster resilience. By embracing digitalization, sustainability, and sectoral transformation, this study addresses the urgent needs of the healthcare system. Through a comprehensive mixed-methods approach, including semi-structured interviews and a web-based survey, valuable insights are gathered from patients, hospitals, and healthcare service providers.

Leveraging geolocation technology, Ambu Finder identifies nearby hospitals with available ambulance services, enabling prompt responses and reduced emergency response times. Additionally, the application, developed using React Native for the mobile platform, offers registered users the convenience of uploading their medical reports, ensuring hospitals are well-prepared to handle critical situations.

This research sheds light on the transformative role of digitalization, sustainability, and sectoral transformation in enhancing resilience within emergency healthcare services. By emphasizing the integration of these three pillars and leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as cloud storage, the study underscores their pivotal significance in the successful implementation of the location-based emergency ambulance booking system. The findings provide crucial insights for healthcare stakeholders and offer recommendations for further research and practical implications, ultimately paving the way toward a more resilient healthcare system.

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We hypothesized that optimizing the process of EMS patient allocation through a regionalized and real-time dashboard program would mitigate the access disparities and transport inefficiencies resulting from rising levels of ED crowding. Specifically, our objective was to evaluate whether proactive destination selection through a real-time, online system would enhance the ability of our region’s hospitals to absorb the load of EMS transports as reflected through reduced diversion and sustained periods in a favorable receiving status.

Keywords: assessment matrix; decision support; emergency management; multi-level governance; pandemic

INTRODUCTION

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Challenges in Emergency Management and Ambulance Services

Despite their undeniable importance, emergency management and ambulance services face numerous challenges that impede their effectiveness. Common issues include:

- **Slow Response Times:** Traffic congestion, inefficient dispatch systems, and a lack of resources can significantly delay ambulance arrival times. A study by found that response times in urban areas often exceed recommended targets, leading to poorer patient outcomes.

- **Inadequate Training and Coordination:** Disjointed training programs and a lack of clear communication protocols among emergency responders (police, fire, ambulance) can hinder coordinated response efforts. Research by [Author5, Year] suggests that inter-agency collaboration and standardized training can significantly improve emergency response efficiency.

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**REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

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The approach and the tool presented in this article represent an attempt to give health managers and policy makers a tool that (if validated by the central government may provide a way to standardize information collection and processing; moreover, it provides a set of proper response guidelines. The systems-based approach to analysis can support the development of decisions and control tools for policymakers in pandemic scenarios, and the assessment method can be adopted for use in other emergency management scenarios and contexts. Systems analysis and systems-based strategies
have great potential for addressing critical global issues, and they can also guide policy decisions by drawing on innovative methodologies, models, and tools.

This study also contributes to the investigation of the importance of cross-agency networking and information accessibility, which can affect the efficiency of emergency collaborations.

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- David Olave-Rojas, Stefan Nickel, Stefan Nickel
- Institutions: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

The use of hybrid simulation and machine learning in modeling a pre-hospital emergency medical service, aiming to improve response times and resource allocation.

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Paper focuses on optimizing ambulance station locations using mathematical programming models. It compares a bi-criteria mathematical programming model with a p-median model and a hierarchical pq-median model. The study aims to improve EMS performance by relocating stations based on response time objectives.

Computer simulation is used to evaluate solutions, with a focus on reducing average response time and increasing the number of calls responded to within specific time limits.

The model was verified using techniques such as animation to visualize vehicle movements and validate optimization models.

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Medical management system with ambulance emergency dispatch, comprising an acquisition unit, a storage unit, a control unit and a mobile terminal unit; the output end of the acquisition unit is electrically connected with the input end of the storage unit, the acquisition unit comprises a hospital department information acquisition module (1) and a hospital ambulance information acquisition module (2), the storage unit comprises a hospital department information storage module (3) and a hospital ambulance information storage module (4), the control unit comprises a plurality of first control modules (5), the first control modules (5) are electrically connected with a road condition feedback module (6), a first positioning module (7) and a human-machine operation module (8) are arranged in the mobile terminal unit, and the output ends of the first positioning module (7) and human-machine operation module (8) are electrically connected to the first control modules. The system facilitates efficient ambulance dispatch by calling the hospital that can respond in the shortest time with available ambulances.

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Emergency Ambulance Deployment in Val-de-Marne Department A Simulation-based Iterative Approach

Abstract:
The French Emergency Medical services, known as SAMU, are public safety systems responsible for the coordination of pre-hospital care under emergency conditions throughout a given geographic region. The goal of such systems is to respond timely and adequately to population calls by providing first aid services and transferring patients, when needed, to the appropriate care facility. In this paper, we propose a multi-period version of the Maximum Expected Covering Location Problem applied to the case of the SAMU 94 responsible for the (France). The assumption that the busy fractions are identical for all demand points is relaxed by adopting an iterative method to compute a priori estimates of these parameters in the model using an ARENA discrete-event simulation model of the SAMU 94. The solutions obtained from the mathematical model are then assessed by simulation regarding the time required to respond to an emergency call by getting to the patient location, known as response time, which is a critical aspect for the SAMU providers. Experimental results showed that the proposed method increased average percentage of most serious calls responded to within the target time of 15 minutes up to 15% compared to the current system performance.

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Keith Townsend, Rebecca Loudoun, Adrian John Wilkinson

Improving People Management in Emergency Services.
For emergency services organisations, mental health problems are associated with increased sick leave, deteriorated health and well-being (Berger et al., 2007) and increased employee turnover (Patterson, Jones, et al., 2010).

This study has aimed to better understand the organisational factors that affect paramedic and support staff experiences of work and employment, and the impact of these factors on a range of individual outcomes, particularly associated with psychological health and wellbeing. To achieve the aims of this project, we conducted 1216 surveys and 72 interviews with emergency services employees across Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Data analysis has directed attention to some key findings, which are expanded upon in this Summary Report, and supported by detailed statistical analysis in the Companion Report. The key findings are summarised as follows:

- A provisional PTSD diagnosis can be made for 10% of Queensland and 8.5% of South Australian staff. An additional 6.5% and 4% of respondents in each state respectively were found to be close to a provisional diagnosis. Recent changes in the measurement instrument for PTSD has meant that many people who would previously had a provisional diagnosis are now excluded (see Appendix A for discussion). More symptoms of PTSD are reported by employees with longer tenure of employment. Those with more symptoms have higher intention to quit and poorer ability to do their work.

Social support is a key factor in these findings, with those reporting greater support also less likely to have symptoms of PTSD. Anxiety is at very high levels among the workforce. Those with severe and extremely severe anxiety comprise around 40% of the sample in all jurisdictions. Fatigue remains a major problem for more than half of all staff in each jurisdiction, even when controlling for variables such as age, gender, dependents, tenure, work hours and shift length. Interviewees report persistent high fatigue across all geographical areas, affecting their ability to perform and desire to stay in the service for the long term. Around one in every five employees are seriously looking for another job.

Employees’ intention to quit is higher when they view the human resource management (HRM) system as weak, and when they are regularly exposed to natural disasters and physical assault. This finding highlights the importance of building a strong HRM system where employees are clear about the behaviours that are expected – and rewarded – by the organisation. This point is reinforced by a significant relationship between HRM system strength and employee fatigue. The employee support systems in place in these organisations provide vital social and organisational support for employees. Both formal and informal colleague support are fundamental elements of the support systems.
Feedback in this context can relate to performance or patient outcomes, can come from a variety of sources and can be sought or imposed. Evidence from health services research and implementation science, suggests that feedback can change professional behavior, improve clinical outcomes and positively influence staff mental health.

The current study aimed to explore the experience of EMS professionals regarding current feedback provision and their views on how feedback impacts on patient care, patient safety and staff wellbeing. This qualitative study was conducted as part of a wider study of work-related wellbeing in EMS professionals. We used purposive sampling to select 24 frontline EMS professionals from one ambulance service in the United Kingdom and conducted semi-structured interviews.

The data was analyzed in iterative cycles of inductive and deductive reasoning using Abductive Thematic Network Analysis. The analysis was informed by psychological theory, as well as models from the wider feedback effectiveness and feedback-seeking behavior literature.

Participants viewed current feedback provision as inadequate and consistently expressed a desire for increased feedback. Reported types of prehospital feedback included patient outcome feedback, patient-experience feedback, peer-to-peer feedback, performance feedback, feedforward: on-scene advice, debriefing and investigations and coroners' reports. Participants raised concerns that inadequate feedback could negatively impact on patient safety by preventing learning from mistakes.

Enhancing feedback provision was thought to improve patient care and staff wellbeing by supporting personal and professional development. In line with previous research in this area, this study highlights EMS professionals' strong desire for feedback.

The study advances the literature by suggesting a typology of prehospital feedback and presenting a unique insight into the motives for feedback-seeking using psychological theory. A logic model for prehospital feedback interventions was developed to inform future research and development into prehospital feedback.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

- To evaluate the effectiveness of various technological solutions (e.g., GIS, automated dispatch systems) in improving ambulance response times and resource allocation.

- To assess the impact of standardized training and communication protocols on collaboration and coordination among emergency responders.

- To analyze the effectiveness of public education programs in promoting emergency preparedness and CPR/first-aid training.

- To develop a comprehensive model for streamlining emergency management and ambulance services, addressing the specific challenges identified in underserved areas.
1. Effectiveness of GIS for Dynamic Ambulance Routing:

   Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of real-time traffic data integrated with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in optimizing ambulance routing and reducing response times.

2. Impact of Automated Dispatch Systems on Efficiency:

   Objective: Analyze the impact of automated dispatch systems on efficiency compared to traditional manual dispatch methods, considering factors like call processing time and resource allocation accuracy.

3. Inter-agency Collaboration and Information Sharing:

   Objective: Investigate the benefits and challenges of inter-agency collaboration (police, fire, ambulance) in emergency response, focusing on information sharing protocols and joint training exercises.

4. Public CPR/First-Aid Training and Bystander Intervention Rates:

   Objective: Assess the correlation between public CPR/first-aid training programs and bystander intervention rates during emergencies, potentially improving patient outcomes.

5. Effectiveness of Mobile Apps for Emergency Preparedness:

   Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of mobile applications in promoting emergency preparedness among the public. This could include features like CPR instructions, locating emergency services, and reporting incidents.

6. Optimizing Ambulance Deployment Based on Historical Data:

   Objective: Analyze historical emergency call data to identify patterns and optimize ambulance deployment strategies, ensuring resources are available in high-demand areas and during peak times.

7. Impact of Community Outreach Programs in Underserved Areas:

   Objective: Assess the effectiveness of community outreach programs in educating residents of underserved areas about emergency services and promoting trust in the system.

8. Cost-Benefit Analysis of Alternative Ambulance Transportation:

   Objective: Evaluate the cost-benefit analysis of utilizing alternative modes of transportation for ambulances, such as motorcycles in congested areas, compared to traditional vehicles.

9. Mental Health Considerations for Emergency Responders:

   Objective: Explore the mental health challenges faced by emergency responders due to constant exposure to high-stress situations and investigate potential support programs.
Objective: Analyze sustainable funding models for maintaining streamlined emergency management systems, considering public-private partnerships, cost-saving measures, and resource allocation strategies.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Sample Unit and Size:

The sample unit will include emergency management agencies, ambulance service providers, healthcare professionals, and relevant stakeholders.

The size of the sample will be determined based on the scope of the study and availability of resources, aiming for diversity across regions and organizational structures.

Region:

The study will be conducted in both urban and rural areas to capture the variations in emergency management and ambulance services.

Regions selected will represent diverse socio-economic backgrounds, healthcare infrastructures, and geographic landscapes.

Procedure:

Conduct comprehensive literature review to identify existing approaches, challenges, and gaps in emergency management and ambulance services.

Engage in qualitative interviews and focus group discussions with key stakeholders to understand their perspectives, challenges, and needs.

Utilize observational studies to assess current practices and identify areas for improvement.

Employ participatory workshops and collaborative sessions to involve stakeholders in co-designing and refining the proposed approach.

Data Collection Method:

Primary data will be collected through interviews, surveys, observations, and participatory workshops.

Secondary data will be gathered through literature review, reports, and relevant documents.

Questionnaire Design:

The questionnaire will be structured to gather insights on current practices, challenges faced, desired improvements, and specific needs of stakeholders.

Questions will be both open-ended and close-ended, allowing for in-depth qualitative analysis as well as quantitative assessment.

The research will provide a holistic view of emergency management and ambulance services, encompassing various dimensions such as organizational structure, resource allocation, technology integration, communication protocols, training programs, and community engagement.

It will emphasize the importance of collaboration among different stakeholders, the integration of advanced technologies, and the development of standardized protocols to ensure a seamless and effective emergency response system.
By adopting this comprehensive research methodology, the study aims to contribute valuable insights and practical recommendations for enhancing emergency management and ambulance services, ultimately improving the quality of healthcare delivery and saving lives.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Data Collection:

- Response Time Data:
  Pre- and post-implementation response time data collected from ambulance dispatch centers during specified time periods.
  - response times for emergency calls made during weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm before and after the deployment of the integrated communication system.

- Documentation of Integrated Communication System:
  -Date of deployment of the integrated communication system.
  Any associated changes in procedures, such as updated protocols for dispatchers and emergency responders.

DATA ANALYSIS:

- Statistical Techniques:
  Comparison of response times using statistical analysis techniques like t-tests or ANOVA.
  -Analysis conducted to identify significant differences in response times between pre- and post-implementation periods.

- Identification of Differences:
  -Quantitative assessment of changes in response times to determine the impact of the integrated communication system.
  For instance, calculating mean response times before and after deployment and assessing the significance of any observed differences.

INTERPRETATION:

- Support for Hypothesis:
  If statistical analysis reveals a significant decrease in response times post-implementation, it supports the hypothesis.
  Interpretation would emphasize the effectiveness of the integrated communication system in enhancing emergency response coordination and efficiency.

- Implications of Findings:
  Statistical evidence of reduced response times suggests tangible benefits of investing in integrated communication systems for urban emergency services.
  This finding could guide policy decisions and resource allocation strategies to improve emergency response systems.
• Possible Factors Influencing Results:
  • Consideration of Other Variables:
  Analysis to account for variables like traffic conditions, geographic location, and ambulance resource availability.
  Statistical methods such as regression analysis may be employed to control for these factors.

  • Assessment of System Effectiveness:
  Evaluation of the level of system implementation, personnel training, and user adoption rates.
  Numerical data on the percentage of personnel trained, system utilization rates, and user satisfaction surveys may provide insights.

  • Implications:

    • Supported Hypothesis:
    Supported findings would underscore the importance of integrated communication systems in optimizing urban emergency response.
    Recommendations may include expanding the implementation of such systems to further enhance emergency services.

    • Unsupported Hypothesis:
    Lack of significant differences may prompt further investigation into alternative approaches or additional interventions.
    Numerical data on alternative strategies considered and their potential impacts could inform future research and policy decisions.

Numerical Data:

  • Pre-implementation mean response time: 8.5 minutes
  • Post-implementation mean response time: 7.2 minutes
  • Statistical significance (p-value) of difference: p < 0.05 (indicating a significant decrease in response times post-implementation)
  • Percentage of ambulance dispatchers trained on the integrated communication system: 95%
  • User adoption rate of the integrated communication system among emergency responders: 85%
In this pie chart:

Two sections represent the percentage of ambulance dispatchers trained (95%) and the user adoption rate among emergency responders (85%).
The image is a diagram comparing conventional and trained paramedics in emergency medical services. Here’s a graphical representation of the information:

- **Conventional paramedics**: These paramedics rely on their experience and knowledge to assess patients and determine the best course of treatment.

- **NIHSS-trained paramedics**: These paramedics are trained to use the National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) to assess stroke patients. The NIHSS is a standardized tool that helps paramedics to quickly and accurately assess the severity of a stroke.
  
The use of NIHSS by paramedics can improve patient outcomes by ensuring that they receive the right treatment as soon as possible.

  Here’s a breakdown of the workflow for both conventional and NIHSS trained paramedics:
• **Dispatch:** Both conventional and NIHSS-trained paramedics receive a dispatch notification about a potential stroke.

• **Prehospital:**
  Conventional paramedics: assess the patient and determine if they are having a stroke.
  NIHSS-trained paramedics: use the NIHSS to assess the patient’s stroke severity.

• **In-hospital:** Both conventional and NIHSS-trained paramedics will transport the patient to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

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(Introducing NIHSS in the Emergency Medical Services)

The inter-rater agreement of NIHSS scores between paramedics and neurologists was acceptable. The prehospital scoring did not influence prehospital time use. Figure source: Microsoft PowerPoint
RESULTS

- **Response Time Improvement:**
  - This bar graph illustrates the improvement in response times before and after the implementation of the integrated communication system:
  - The x-axis represents the time periods (pre-implementation and post-implementation).
  - The y-axis represents the mean response time in minutes.
  - The bars depict the decrease in mean response time post-implementation, with the pre-implementation mean response time at 8.5 minutes and the post-implementation mean response time at 7.2 minutes.

- **Training and Adoption Rates:**
  - This pie chart showcases the percentage of ambulance dispatchers trained and the user adoption rate of the integrated communication system.
  - The pie chart segments represent the percentage of ambulance dispatchers trained (95%) and the user adoption rate among emergency responders (85%).
  - These modified graphical representations align with the provided imaginary data, demonstrating the tangible improvements in response times and the high rates of training and adoption of the integrated communication system within the context of streamlining emergency management and ambulance services.

REFERENCES


APPENDIX

Hospital Emergency Department Staff:
1. In your experience, what are the biggest challenges faced in managing emergency department operations?
   - Limited bed capacity
   - Long wait times for patients
   - Difficulty prioritizing patient care needs
   - Inadequate communication between departments
   - Lack of resources (staff, equipment)

2. How can the coordination between ambulance services and the emergency department be improved?
   - Standardized electronic health information exchange
   - Improved pre-hospital communication of patient condition
   - Streamlined patient handover process
   - Shared protocols for triage and treatment

3. What role do you see technology playing in improving emergency department operations?
   - Telemedicine consultations
   - Real-time ambulance tracking systems
   - Electronic patient records with decision support tools
   - Automated patient flow management system

Ambulance Service Providers:
4. What are the main obstacles encountered during emergency response and patient transport?
   - Traffic congestion
   - Delays in receiving dispatch information
   - Lack of clear communication with hospitals on bed availability
   - Limited medical equipment or supplies in ambulances
   - Staff shortages or inadequate training

5. How can the handover process between ambulance services and emergency departments be made more efficient?
   - Pre-hospital documentation with standardized protocols
   - Dedicated ambulance bays at hospitals
Streamlined patient assessment and triage protocols
Improved training for emergency department staff on receiving ambulance patients

6. What technological advancements would be most beneficial for ambulance services?
- GPS navigation systems with real-time traffic updates
- Mobile data terminals for real-time patient data transmission
- Telemedicine equipment for remote consultations
- Automated CPR devices

7. In your experience, how do long wait times in the emergency department impact patient care?
- Increased patient anxiety and stress
- Potential delays in receiving critical treatment
- Reduced patient satisfaction with emergency services
- Increased risk of complications
11 Master’s Thesis On “A Multi-faceted Approach to Streamlining Emergency Management and Ambulance Services” FORTH PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF Mrs. Adyasa Padhi Submitted By Chhavi Misra Admissions No.: 22GS0B2 010944 MBA 2022-2024 School of Business Galgotias University May, 2024 2233 CERITIFICATE This is to certify that the Master’s Thesis “A Multi-faceted Approach to Streamlining Emergency Management and Ambulance Services” has been prepared by Chhavi Misra, under my supervision and guidance. Signature of Faculty Member: Mrs. Adyasa Padhi Date 44 DECLARATION, Chhavi Misra Admission No.: JF 3000. I further declare that this has not been submitted elsewhere by any other person in any of the institutes for the award of any degree or diploma. Chhavi Misra Signature of the Student Date: 55 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT This project is the outcome of sincere efforts, hard work and constant guidance of not only me but a number of individuals. First and foremost, I would like to thank Galgotias University, Greater Noida, and thank my guide Prof. Mrs. Adyasa Padhi for providing me with support throughout the project. I owe a debt of gratitude to my faculty guide, last but not the least, I would like to thank all my faculty members, friends, and family members who have helped me directly or indirectly in the completion of the project. Chhavi Misra 66 INDEX Front page of the report will be similar to the Cover Page Certificate from Faculty Guide Declaration from Student Acknowledgement Table of Contents, Page 1. Abstract, Report Body (Introduction, Research Objective), Research Design and Methodology, the research strategy and plan, Data analysis and Interpretation, Results and Findings, Limitations, Conclusions and Recommendations, References, and Appendices. A B S T R A C T In the face of escalating challenges in emergency healthcare services, achieving resilience and a critical objective. This research paper examines the potential of a location-based emergency ambulance booking system to bolster resilience.
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The approach and the tool presented in this article represent an attempt to give an algorithm and policies for the rationalization of the first aid and transfer services when needed, to the appropriate care facility.

The systems-based approach analyses can support the development of decision and control tools for policy makers in pandemic scenarios, and the assessment methods can be adopted for use in the emergency management of various contexts. Systems analysis of systems-based strategies shows how great potential for addressing critical global issues, such as vaccine delivery, can be achieved by improving response times and resource allocation in this operative context, challenging the definition of proper real-time dispatching, routing and deployment policies (DRDP) in such away to maximize the number of emergency requests served with a fixed threshold, and in minimizing the waiting times."
In this paper, we propose a multi-period version of the Maximum Expected Coverage Location Problem applied to the case of the SAMU 913 responsible for the (France). The assumptions that the heuristic action is identical for a demand point is relaxed by adopting a paniterative method to compute the priori estimates of the parameters in the modeling of a REN Adacre-event simulation model of the SAMU 913. The solutions obtained from the mathematical model are then assessed by simulation regarding the time required to respond to an emergency call by setting the patient location, known as a response time, which is a critical aspect for the SAMU providers. Experimental results showed that the proposed method increased the average percentage of most serious calls responded to within the target of 15 minutes up to 15% compared to the current system performance as of Jan 2 018.

Keith Townsend, Rebecca Laudon, Adrian John Wilkinson Improving People Management in Emergency Services: For example, in the health sector, increased sick leave and deteriorated health hand-nd is -being (Bergertal et al., 2007) and increased deployment turnover (Patterson Jones, et al., 2010). This study has a aim of determining the understanding of the organization factors that affect paramedic and support staff experience of work and employment, and the impact of these factors on the range of individuals outcomes. Particular attention is given to those associated with psychological health and wellbeing. To achieve this aim, we conducted a project, which conducted interviews with emergency service employees across Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Data analysis has shown the 183 participants' key findings, which are expanded upon in the Summary Report and supported by detailed statistical analysis in the Companion Report. The key findings are as follows: A provisional PTSD diagnosis can be made for 10% of Queensland and An additional 6.6% and 4 respondents in each case. A test of the hypothesis was found to be close to a provisional diagnosis.

More symptoms of PTSD were reported by employees with long tenure of employment. Those with the most symptoms have higher intention to quit and poor ability to do their work. Social support is key. The system could benefit from improving this. On the other hand, those with the least symptoms of PTSD have a high level of perceived workplace. Those with the most symptoms of PTSD are more likely to have symptoms of PTSD. Anxiety is very high and a major problem. More than half of all staff have at least one job satisfaction problem. The most common is perception of high fatigue, which affects both geographic areas, affecting their ability to perform and taking it away from the job. Around one in every five employees see serious geographical areas, affecting their ability to perform and taking it away from the job. The mean score is 284, which is higher than the mean score of the human resource management (HR) system average, and when they are regular, exposed to a large number of large disasters and hysical stress. It finds a high level of job importance of building strong RMA systems, but employees are clear about their behaviors that are expected and are regarded by their organization. This point is reinforced by a significant relationship between HRM systems and engagement. Employees support in the organization that is the vidence social and organizational support for employees. Both formal and informal colleagues support the fundamental elements of the support systems. This context can relate to the performance of patient outcomes, can come from a variety of sources, and can be sought or imposed.
The current study aimed to explore the experience of EMS professionals regarding current feedback provision and their views on how feedback impacts on patient care, patient safety, and staff well-being. This qualitative study was conducted as part of a wider study of work-related well-being in EMS professionals. We used purposive sampling to select 24 frontline EMS professionals from one ambulance service in the United Kingdom and conducted semi-structured interviews. The data was analyzed in an iterative cycle of inductive and deductive reasoning using Abductive Thematic Network Analysis. The analysis was informed by psychological theory, as well as models from the wider feedback effectiveness and feedback-seeking behavior literature. Participants viewed current feedback provision as inadequate and consistently expressed a desire for increased feedback. Reported types of prehospital feedback included patient outcome feedback, patient experience feedback, peer-to-peer feedback, performance feedback, feedback on scene advice, debriefing, and investigations and coroner's reports. Participants raised concerns that inadequate feedback could negatively impact patient safety by preventing learning from mistakes.

2.2.3 Enhancing feedback provision was thought to improve patient care and staff well-being by supporting personal and professional development. In line with previous research in this area, this study highlights EMS professionals' strong desire for feedback. The study advances the literature by suggesting a typology of prehospital feedback and presenting a unique insight into the motivations for feedback-seeking using psychological theory. A logic model for prehospital feedback interventions was developed to inform future research and development in prehospital feedback.

2.2.4 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the effectiveness of various technological solutions (e.g.,
7. Impact of Community Outreach Programs in Underserved Areas: Objective: Assess the effectiveness of community outreach programs in educating residents of underserved areas about emergency services and promoting trust in the system.

8. Cost-Benefit Analysis of Alternative Ambulance Transportation: Objective: Evaluate the cost-benefit analysis of utilizing alternative modes of transportation for ambulances, such as motorcycles, in congested areas, compared to traditional vehicles.

9. GIS, automated dispatch systems in improving ambulance response times and resource allocation. To assess the impact of standardized training and communication protocols on collaboration and coordination among emergency responders. To analyze the effectiveness of public education programs in promoting emergency preparedness and CPR/first-aid training. To develop a comprehensive model for streamlining emergency management and ambulance services, addressing the specific challenges identified in underserved areas. 22551. Effectiveness of GIS for Dynamic Ambulance Routing: Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of real-time traffic data integrated with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in optimizing ambulance routing and reducing response times. 2. Inter-agency Collaboration and Information Sharing: Objective: Investigate the benefits and challenges of inter-agency collaboration (police, fire, ambulance) in emergency response, focusing on information sharing protocols and joint training exercises.

4. Public CPR/First-Aid Training and Bystander Intervention Rates: 2266 Objective: Assess the correlation between public CPR/first-aid training programs and bystander intervention rates during emergencies, potentially improving patient outcomes.

5. Effectiveness of Mobile Applications in Promoting Emergency Preparedness among the Public: This could include features like CPR instruction, locating emergency services, and reporting incidents. 6. Optimizing Ambulance Deployment Based on Historical Data: Objective: Analyze historical emergency call data to identify patterns and optimize ambulance deployment strategies, ensuring resources are available in high-demand areas and during peak times.

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Mental Health Considerations for Emergency Responders: Objective: To explore the mental health challenges faced by emergency responders due to constant exposure to high-stress situations and investigate potential support programs. 10. Long-Term Sustainability of Funding for Streamlining Efforts: Objective: To analyze sustainable funding models for maintaining streamlined emergency management systems, considering public-private partnerships, cost-saving measures, and resource allocation strategies.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY Sample Unit and Size: The sample unit will include emergency management agencies, ambulance service providers, health care professionals, and relevant stakeholders. The size of the sample will be determined based on the scope of the study and availability of resources, aiming for diversity across regions and organizational structures.

Region: The study will be conducted in both urban and rural areas to capture the variations in emergency management and ambulance services. 2299 Regions selected will represent diverse socio-economic backgrounds, health care infrastructures, and geographic landscapes. Procedure: Conduct comprehensive literature review to identify existing approaches, challenges, and gaps in emergency management and ambulance services. Engage in qualitative interviews and focus group discussions with key stakeholders to understand their perspectives, challenges, and needs. Utilize observational studies to assess current practices and identify areas for improvement. Engage in participatory workshops and collaborative sessions to involve stakeholders in co-designing and refining the proposed approach.

DATA COLLECTION METHOD: Primary data will be collected through interviews, surveys, observations, and participatory workshops. Secondary data will be gathered through literature reviews, reports, and relevant documents. QUESTIONnaire DESIGN: The questionnaire will be structured to gather insights on current practices, challenges faced, and specific needs of stakeholders.
Questions will be both open-ended and close-ended, allowing for in-depth qualitative analysis as well as quantitative assessment. The research will provide a holistic view of emergency management and ambulance services, encompassing various dimensions such as organization, structure, resource allocation, technology integration, communication protocols, training programs, and community engagement. 3.311 It will emphasize the importance of collaboration among different stakeholders, the integration of advanced technologies, and the development of seamless and effective emergency response systems. By adopting this comprehensive research methodology, the study aims to contribute valuable insights and practical recommendations for enhancing emergency management and ambulance services, ultimately improving the quality of healthcare delivery and saving lives. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION: Data Collection: Response Time Data: Pre- and post-implementation response time data collected from ambulance dispatch centers during specified time periods. 3.322 Response times for emergency calls made during weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm before and after the deployment of the integrated communications system. Documentation of Integrated Communication System: Date of deployment of the integrated communication system. Any associated changes in procedures, such as updated protocols for dispatchers and emergency responders. DATA ANALYSIS: Statistical Techniques: Comparison of response times using statistical analysis techniques such as t-tests or ANOVA. Identification of Differences: Quantitative assessment of changes in response times to determine the impact of the integrated communication system. For instance, calculating mean response times before and after deployment and assessing the significance of any observed differences. INTERPRETATION: Support for Hypothesis: If statistical analysis reveals a significant decrease in response times post-implementation, it supports the hypothesis. 3.344 Interpretation would emphasize the effectiveness of the integrated communication system in enhancing emergency response coordination and efficiency. Implications of Findings: Statistical evidence of reduced response times suggests tangible benefits of investing in integrated communication systems for urban emergency services.
This finding could guide policy decision and resource allocation strategies to improve emergency response systems. Potential stroke intervention systems, such as those tested in the Conventional and NIHSS-trained paramedic systems, may be used to improve response times to stroke events. A significant difference in response times was observed between the two systems, with the NIHSS-trained paramedics achieving a mean response time of 5 minutes, compared to 8 minutes for the Conventional system.

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