

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue details a Scottish Government press release on 60,000 Scots trained in CPR.

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### 60,000 Scots trained in CPR

More than 60,000 people across Scotland have been given life-saving CPR training in the last 12 months - as part of an unprecedented national collaboration of more than a dozen organisations including emergency services, defence and third sector - to improve the response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

The figure was published today in a Scottish Government report reviewing progress in the first year of Scotland's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy.

The five-year strategy aims to save 1,000 extra lives by 2020 and equip an additional half a million people in Scotland with CPR skills.

Minister for Public Health, Aileen Campbell, launched the review on a visit to Beeslack High School in Penicuik, where she joined P7 and S1 pupils in a CPR training session.

Ms Campbell said: "Each year in Scotland there are around 3,000 cardiac arrests out-of-hospital. Cardiac arrest is when a person's heart completely stops and, if this happens, CPR must be administered within minutes or the person will likely die.

"That is why CPR training and education is so vitally important." [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

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