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**[Your organisation's name] announces its support for the first ever**

**International Paramedics Day**

[Insert the name of your organisation] has joined around 40 paramedics associations, further education providers and affiliated organisations from around the world to celebrate International Paramedics Day on Friday, 8th July 2022.

The global celebration has been launched by the [College of Paramedics](collegeofparamedics.co.uk), the professional body for paramedics and the ambulance profession in the UK.

July 8th will be an annual day to remember and salute the personal sacrifices and life-saving efforts made by paramedics and first responders during the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, as well as recognising the work that they do to give their patients the best possible treatment and care, particularly those currently working in the ambulance sector amid unprecedented demand. [Please change this section as you wish, to reflect the situation as your paramedics experience it in your country].

The theme for the inaugural [International Paramedics Day](http://www.internationalparamedicsday.com) is ‘Proud to be a Paramedic' which we believe will resonate widely with students, paramedics and first responders around the world, regardless of which area of paramedicine they are working in.

Tracy Nicholls, Chief Executive of the College of Paramedics in the UK, said: “Never has the impact and contribution of paramedics to high quality, person-centred care been more evident than during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“By coming together, championing the profession and sharing stories and images of the work paramedics do, it is our hope that International Paramedics Day will indeed become a prominent, global event that acknowledges and celebrates our profession’s achievements.

"We would like to invite students, paramedics, their professional bodies, ambulance trusts and others to join us in supporting International Paramedics Day, reflecting on their work and the people they have helped, and sharing their thoughts on why they feel proud to be a paramedic."

[Insert a quote from the leader of your organisation here].

International Paramedics Day will be celebrated every year on July 8 because this marks the anniversary of the birth of [Dominique Jean Larrey](https://www.internationalparamedicsday.com/dominique-jean-larrey-biography), the French military doctor who became Napoleon Bonaparte’s chief surgeon of the Grand Armee and the man often referred to as the 'father of modern-day ambulance services.'

**AIMS**

International Paramedics Day is one of the most important days of the year to:

* Celebrate paramedics and first responders around the globe
* Promote the profession
* Acknowledge the difference they can make in an emergency or crisis
* To raise awareness and champion all the places where paramedics work including primary and secondary care, GP surgeries, military, offshore, research, education, helicopter emergency medical services and telephone triage systems

**DID YOU KNOW?**

[Insert a few interesting facts and figures about paramedics in your country to replace the UK facts and figures listed below].

* There are currently 31,400 paramedics registered in the UK
* More than 10 million 999 calls were made in 2021 – the highest ever figure in a single year and almost a million more calls than the previous record in 2019 when 9.1 million 999 calls were made.
* In March 2022, ambulances responded to 82,000 Category 1 incidents, up 44 per cent on March 2021 figures. As a daily average, the volume increased by over 200 incidents to reach 2,641 per day.
* There are 13 ambulance trusts in the UK

**CASE STUDIES AND IMAGES**

Paramedics are available to interview on request. We also have photos and videos to share with you.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For interviews, photos, videos or any other queries, please contact:

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[Insert the contact details of the press and communications contact at your organisation if you have one].

You can also visit our website:

[www.internationalparamedicsday.com](http://www.internationalparamedicsday.com)

Or engage with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram **@ParamedicsDay**

Hashtags: #InternationalParamedics Day #ProudToBeAParamedic #IPD2022

**NOTE TO EDITORS**

**[Please include details of your own organisation and any of your own contacts for media enquiries]**

The College of Paramedics is the professional body for all paramedics in the UK, whose role is to promote and develop the paramedic profession across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership is open to all UK paramedics, student paramedics and anyone with an interest in the paramedic profession and healthcare delivery. All members have access to a wide variety of learning resources which provide high quality continuing professional development (CPD) across a range of platforms and also at many events held around the UK.

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