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# The Role of the Nurse within Voluntary Emergency Care Schemes

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# Objectives

- Understand the development of pre-hospital emergency care in the United Kingdom;
- discuss the clinical role of the nurse within pre-hospital emergency care schemes;
- examine the training and support roles nurses may have within pre-hospital emergency care schemes;
- recognise the educational opportunities for nurses wishing to develop their role in pre-hospital emergency care.



# History of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care



- Numerous Doctors began attending RTC's in the mid 1960's
- BASICS formed in 1977, initially only open to Doctors
- Currently over 70 voluntary BASICS affiliated schemes in UK
- 1999 Community First responders
  - Year 2000 increasing use of Nurses in schemes
  - The role of the nurse continues to expand.....



# 3 Roles of the Nurse in Pre-hospital Emergency Care



Clinical

Teaching

Emotional Support



# Clinical

A photograph of an emergency scene. A red ambulance is on the left, with the number '340' visible on its side. Several firefighters in yellow and green high-visibility gear are gathered around the ambulance. In the background, a fire truck is visible. The scene is outdoors on a road with trees in the distance.

- All forms of medical emergency
- Cardiac Arrest
- All forms of trauma
- Paediatrics
- RTC's

# Training



Community First Responders (all levels)

Public health promotion

Schools

Other Medical Staff (internal & external)

# Emotional Support



- First responders
- Other medic members
- Families / carers
- Clinical Supervision



# Desirable Qualifications



- Limited opportunities for clinical experiences as a nurse in this field
- BASICS pre-hospital emergency care course (PHEC)
- PHTLS
- ILS, pILS, ALS
- Many schemes have in-house mandatory training





# Future?



- Discussions with local ambulance trusts
- Training to authorise blue light driving
- Expansion of ECP's
- More nurses giving up some time to their local community

**QUESTIONS?**

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