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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A... PARAMEDIC

What is a paramedic?

Someone who "works autonomously as a generalist clinician across a range of settings, usually in emergency, primary or urgent care." 48% of paramedics in the UK work on frontline ambulances.

Often patients can be managed at home

If paramedics find an unwell patient requiring hospital, they will quickly convey them. But often the right thing to do with older patients is to avoid an unsettling trip to ED and manage them at home

We spoke to paramedics working in community frailty teams. These teams also include consultants, specialty doctors and nurses who assess patients and coordinate management plans with patients' families and the MDT

Some paramedics focus on frailty

Not all paramedics work on ambulances

Many do, yes. But others work in frailty teams, critical care, GP practices, emergency depts, research, sports/expedition/marine medicine, prison or police custody roles, palliative care...

