

## DECONTAMINATING AMBULANCES IN SOUTH WALES

HOW RE:ACT SUPPORTED FRONTLINE CLINICAL STAFF BY ENSURING AMBULANCES WERE SAFELY AND QUICKLY RETURNED TO SERVICE



**AUGUST**  
**6** LEVEL 2 DECONS  
**11** LEVEL 3 DECONS  
**688** VOLUNTEER HOURS

Owing to the high risk of transmission of Covid-19 in its vehicles, the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) introduced extra Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures to keep its ambulances Covid secure and fully operational during a challenging period, requiring immediate additional capacity.

“This is a vital task for our frontline clinicians who are reliant on the RE:ACT team to ensure that the clinical environment is Covid secure and is compliant with Infection Prevention and Control standards. We are grateful for the flexibility and readiness provided by RE:ACT to support the Trust during this challenging time.”

**Judith Bryce, Head of Operational Support, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust**

After the Army’s initial emergency support ended, WAST turned to RE:ACT for reliable support to fill the gap at its pop-up Make Ready sites – preparing, cleaning and restocking ambulances between shifts. Working in teams of two, the RE:ACT volunteers undertook clinical deep cleaning (Level 3) duties on frontline Emergency Ambulances, used for Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs), such as cardiac arrests, which are associated with an increased risk of respiratory infections. The RE:ACT teams also assisted with routine cleaning (Level 2) and resupply of clinical consumables. The conditions were made extra challenging by the need to work in full respiratory protective equipment and PPE, but the volunteers worked diligently and improved efficiency, reducing reliance on frontline clinical staff and decreasing the amount of time ambulances were taken off the road. After the success of RE:ACT’s support during the first wave of the pandemic, it was again requested to provide assistance in the second wave, with the task extended to a full month.

**NOVEMBER**  
**14** LEVEL 2 DECONS  
**30** LEVEL 3 DECONS  
**720** VOLUNTEER HOURS

