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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200802.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I was wondering if I could FOI request the drugs list for each rank please and what ranks can administer which drugs.

SECamb gives staff authority to possess, administer and/or supply medicines based on the clinical grade they practice at. There is no specific allowance made for staff based on their position within the organisational/operational rank structure. Irrespective of rank, staff must hold an appropriate clinical qualification in order to be authorised to use medicines according to the relevant legal mechanism (exemption, PGD, prescribing).

Staff who hold a rank within the trust who are paramedics and have undertaken post-graduate study, and had previously held a specialist/advanced paramedic post prior to moving to their operational management role, may be authorised to use medicines associated with that grade. The list of core medicines associated with emergency care in the ambulance sector are already in the public domain via clinical guidance issued by the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee (JRCALC) and the European Resuscitation Council.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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