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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210325.

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

I'm conducting research into the difference of Technician roles between NHS ambulance services. If you could please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of Technicians employed in your Trust.**
We have 306 Technicians (excludes bank).
- 2. If you have any "Senior" or "Advanced" Technicians. If applicable, what skills do they have above a regular Technician.**
The Advanced Technicians and Technicians were re-evaluated to a Band 5, this was based on a single Technician job description which all now work to.
- 3. The number of Technicians employed on pay band 4 and on pay band 5.**
All on Band 5.
- 4. Drug formulary authorised for Technicians in your Trust.**
Please find attached an extract of the formulary from the Scope of Practice and Clinical Standards Policy.
- 5. Do your Technicians always work with Paramedics or are they crewed with other Technicians/ECA's?**
Technicians can work with any grade of staff on a double crewed ambulance and may also work on a single response vehicle where necessary.
- 6. Do your Technicians work on RRV's?**
Technicians are permitted to work on single response vehicles (SRV/RRV)
- 7. Can your Technicians discharge patients on scene without discussion with a registered clinician?**

Technicians may discharge or refer from scene with support from a senior paramedic

The following is an extract from the Scope of Practice and Clinical Standards Policy

“Referral and Discharge by these groups of staff is authorised, but should be done with the support of a senior colleague.

The exception to this is where the patient is has an obvious self-limiting condition and/or clearly uninjured, and with associated absence of mechanism and ongoing distracting conditions (i.e. arthritis)”

Please note that this policy is under review and will be republished in Summer 2021 and so subject to change.

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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