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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210639.

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

1. Which clinicians in your trust have are trained to conduct point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS)?

Critical Care Paramedics (CCPs), Doctors

2. Which vehicles in your trust carry point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) devices?

CCP single response vehicles

3. Which point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) devices are in use in your trust?

GEHealthcare VScan

4. What are the indications (use cases) for point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) in your trust?

Dependent on operator competency – most commonly cardiac arrest, IV access, FAST scan, undifferentiated hypotension

5. If not already the case, does your trust plan to roll out point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) devices to all double-crewed ambulances (DCA's)?

No

6. **Are there any factors which prohibit the roll out of an increased number of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) devices? If there are, please list these.**

Cost and training burden

7. **Have you any figures on the frequency of use of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) within your trust. If so, could this be broken down by presenting complaint, clinical impression etc.?**

Approx 600 uses in past 12 months. Unable to break it down by indication and finding.

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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