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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210723.

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

Can you please provide me with the following information:

Can you please advise if your organisation issues operational staff with body armour/stab vests.

No

If your organisation doesn't routinely issue body armour/stab vest to all operational staff please include the justification/s & and any risk assessments for this as well as any policy around this.

General issue of body armour has not been a question within SECAMB within living memory, therefore there is no documentation.

Where body armour is issued to staff can you provide me with the make, model and cost of these vests.

No general issue to staff

Please also included body armour issued to specialist units for specific risks such as the response to an MTA incident.

The National Ambulance Resilience Unit should be contacted in the first instance for this information, as it is sourced centrally.

Where these items are no longer required by an individual (e.g. individual leaves employment etc) what is the trust's policy on reuse and/or disposal of these items, please also include any companies/contractors that the trust use to dispose of these items.

The National Ambulance Resilience Unit should be contacted in the first instance for this information, as it is sourced centrally and disposed of centrally.

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:

FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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