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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211003.

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

I am conducting a service improvement project surrounding vehicle daily checks, and the cost/time saving effects that make ready teams have within the ambulance service.

Are you able to provide the following information:

A copy of the checklist used for VDI for clinical crews

The VDI check consists of the following which is a screen shot of the MDT crews complete at the beginning of shift. Additionally, there is an A3 sheet crews are provided which they should complete pre shift currently.

- "Bodywork task worthy."
- "Windscreen & washers/wipers functional."
- "Nearside wheels/tyres OK – Visually inspect for damage & tyre deflation."
- "Offside wheels/tyres OK – Visually inspect for damage & tyre deflation."
- "Radiator fluid levels OK."
- "Screen wash levels OK."
- "Engine oil levels OK."
- "Brake fluid levels OK."
- "Legal requirement exterior lighting is functional."
- "Audible & visual warnings are task worthy."

Primary Vehicle Checks			
Bodywork task worthy	✓	Screen wash levels OK	✓
Windscreen and washers/wipers functional	✓	Engine oil levels OK	✓
Nearside wheels/tyres OK – Visually inspect for damage and tyre deflation	✓	Brake fluid levels OK	✓
Offside wheels/tyres OK – Visually inspect for damage and tyre deflation	✓	Legal requirement exterior lighting is functional	✓
Radiator fluid levels OK	✓	Audible and visual warnings are task worthy	✓

Do SCAS have 'make ready' teams & if so what areas are they deployed and are they beneficial?

Current MRCs we have are Paddock wood, Ashford, Polegate, Tangmere, Brighton, Chertsey and Thanet. We're currently developing the Banstead and Medway MRCs.

Salary bracket for make ready teams (for a cost implementation)

MRC Manager – Band 7 (£40,057 - £45,839)

MRC Assistant – Band 5 (£25,655 - £31,534)

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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