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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211137.

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

The NHSE document referred to in recent secamb communication states this

The converter must ensure that the design and layout of a fully operational vehicle are fit for the purpose of ambulance use, and minimise manual handling for trust staff and patients and risk of work-related musculoskeletal disorders for trust staff.

Please see the attached Design and Layout fit for purpose document provided by the Converter.

Can we please have a response as to how this is complied with and accepted by secamb for the purpose of pulling a carry chair or wheelchair up a ramp as opposed to using a tail lift.

As well as generic manual handling training completed by all staff as part of the Statutory and Mandatory training programme staff receive vehicle type familiarisation training completed locally using the manufacturers documentation as a foundation. An example of what is used, along with a New Starter Checklist is attached.

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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