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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211146.

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

1. The training guide or advice on how to monitor a cardiac patient with ECG leads whilst traveling to hospital and lifepak in cradle and patient lying on trolley.

- There is no documented training guide or advice, however, longer monitoring leads were purchased that enabled safe routing around the trolley to the patients left hand side.
- The Trust is currently working on a solution to response to feedback from our staff which would see a set of monitoring leads routed semi-permanently along the bulkhead and side wall. This would be in addition to those packed in the monitor and used in locations outside of the ambulance.

2. The risk assessment for staff having to open drivers door to reach down and activate the hand brake.

No Risk Assessment Identified.

Please note that the driver door should remain closed at all times whilst the vehicle is being operated, hence there is no risk assessment.

3. What protection is there for staff from an IPC perspective where dirty reflective jackets are hanging up next to their hair or even touching it.

Below is the relevant section from the Trusts Uniform Procedure which should be applied here. Every vehicle has a supply of Clinel Wipes which can be used to decontaminate any of the service issued jackets after a possible contamination / dirty incident.

1.1. Care of Uniform

- 1.1.1. It is the responsibility of each member of staff to take appropriate care of all issued items, to follow the manufacturer's instructions with regard to cleaning and storage to minimise the risk of damage or loss.
- 1.1.2. It should be noted that blood cannot be washed by hot washing alone; it must first be soaked in cold salt water then washed at standard temperature. However, a 10-minute wash at 60°C is sufficient to safely dilute or remove most micro-organisms. Should a garment become so heavily contaminated that it cannot be effectively cleaned and requires disposal, this should be done as per hazardous waste and with the authorisation of the individual's line manager. See 'Disposal of Uniform' below).
- 1.1.3. Operational staff should keep a spare set of green clinical uniform at their place of work, in case of uniform soiling whilst on duty or requests from the police to take items of uniform. It is not acceptable for staff to have to return home to change. Spare uniform must be kept locked away at all times in the member of staff's locker.

4. How many Fiats DCA has SECamb?

100 on the road (Distributed as chart below) with a further 65 due delivery (2021 order) in Jan 22. The Trust has committed to a further 57 per year for 2022 and 2023.

	Manual	Auto	34 build	Total
VPPSE	3	2	4	9
Brighton	3	2	4	9
VPPSW	3	2	3	8
Medway	3	3	2	8
MRA	4	2	2	8
MRC	4	2	2	8
MRG	3	2	3	8
MRH	4	2	2	8
MRP	4	2	2	8
MRPW	3	2	4	9
MRT	3	2	4	9
MRTG	4	2	2	8

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5. How many Fiats are on order?

As Above.

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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