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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211155.

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

Please could you tell me what maternity/obstetric training your paramedics undergo and how often? Please also state whether the training is mandatory or optional.

All CCP's (critical care paramedics) have regular updates on their governance weeks which likely equates to biannual all day training in the following;

NLS

Physiological birth

Shoulder Dystocia

Breech birth

Eclampsia

Haemorrhage

Cord Prolapse

All NQP's have a half day with the above as part of their induction into the service.

All paramedics in service have had maternity as part of their key skills training, albeit this has been online due to the pandemic. We have recently recommended face-to-face learning for the remaining 40% we were unable to complete last year.

This has focused on the following only;

Breech

Cord prolapse

Shoulder dystocia

Haemorrhage

These were chosen owing to the need for hands on practice and the most recent cases where bad outcomes were identified and hence the need.

We hope next year to continue training on the other areas we've not been able to focus on this year due to time constraints.

A number of joint training days have been held at various trusts where paramedics have been able to attend in their own time.

As a trust we are in the process of procuring the Prompt pre hospital training package which we also plan to roll out next year to all grades of staff face to face in a scenario based day.

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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