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Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220417.

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

Please could I request any information regarding the replacement Single response vehicles, including replacement vehicles for Operational Team Leader's and Critical Care Paramedic's?

The Trust is currently replacing single response vehicles for its paramedics and paramedic practitioners. We are replacing Volvo V50s and Mercedes Vitos with an all-Mercedes Vito fleet.

Operational team leaders and critical care Paramedics use Skoda Kodiaqs which will replace Skoda Octavias, Land Rover Discoverys and Mitsubishi Outlanders.

Alongside this could I have any information that supports the decision making process and how the trust choses which vehicles to use?

The decision for the Skoda Kodiaqs and Mercedes Vitos came from evaluating a selection of vehicles which are currently on the fleet and other available vehicles within the market. Safety, capability, road handling, kit carrying capacity and & driver position played were all considered ahead of a final decision.

As the Trust was keen to standardise its fleet, the options came down to the Mercedes Vito, Skoda Kodiaq or Volkswagen Transporter.

The Mercedes Vito was the preferred option as the replacement SRV due to its load-carrying capacity and the Skoda Kodiaq was preferred over the Vito and Transporter due to it being all-wheel drive and staff preference of a car-based vehicle following feedback during the trial.

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

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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