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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220528.

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

- 1. Within the ethnic minority categories used within your organisation to collate information on patient ethnicity, are Gypsy, Roma, Traveller included as three separate ethnic minority groups?**
 - 1. Do you collate health trends related to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller health and illness?**
 - 2. Please can you send me the list of ethnic groups used by your organisation when collating ethnicity information about patients.**
- There is a current 'Ethnicity dataset' captured in ePCR which is marked as a mandatory field but does not mandate data capture as it is up to the clinician to determine what they capture. This field is encouraged to be filled in and does fall into the Trust Minimum datasets. These are Trust controlled data fields and we can enter them in any way we like to present to crews yet need to conform to the data sets we have to supply nationally.
 - There are 172 records where the ethnicity has been recorded as 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller' in the current database. These are a very small number of records but there is a significant number, well over 60,000, where the record contains 'Not stated'.
 - There is a new Ambulance Data Set (ADS) being introduced to all Ambulance NHS Trusts nationally. This new dataset is a core set of data codes that must be supplied, a change from the current dataset. As a Trust we can present any text to crews but this must be matched to the new data set. There is no Gypsy, Roma or Traveller ethnicity in the new national data set so as a Trust we are looking at how we align our current data to that of the ADS. It is likely that Gypsy, Roma or Traveller would be matched to one of the following. 'Any other White background', 'Any other mixed Background', 'Any other ethnic group', 'White British', 'White Irish'.
 - We do not capture, nor are we required to capture ethnicity in our 111 or 999 EOC's so this is not captured for calls where we do not send an ambulance. Any ethnicity utilised here is provided by NHS England through the spine and Patient Demographic (PDS) matching.

We have included the evidence as attached. This is a pull of dataset from the ePCR system as well as the dataset provided in V1.5 of the ADS which is the current version, signed off for full production.

Whilst we can separate the Ethnicity groups out from 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller' to 'Gypsy', 'Roma' and 'Traveller' with the way we would need to match to ADS any health trends would be specific to the users of the Trust only.
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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