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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220722.

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

I would like to enquire if a Paramedic (including NQP) employed at your Trust is allowed to perform jugular vein cannulation and if so under what circumstances can this skill be performed.

We permit all paramedics to perform EJV cannulation providing they have evidence of training and ongoing competency. We do not provide this training to paramedics who joined the trust without being trained in this skill, other than for Critical Care Paramedics who have this skill as part of their core scope.

Excerpt of Scope of Practice and Clinical Standards Policy below.

Practice Area/ Skill	Variables/ Sub heading	Key	Link to further information	CFR	IECR	Emergency Care Support Worker	Associate Practitioner/AAP	Technician/ Advanced Technician	Newly Qualified Paramedic	Paramedic	Paramedic Practitioner	Critical Care Paramedic	Consultant Paramedic*	Doctor*
Vascular Access														
	Peripheral intravenous access													
	External jugular access	A - Requires evidence of training							A	A	A		A	A

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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