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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 221031.

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

**I was wondering if it would be possible to find out if the skill of endotracheal intubation is still part of the standard paramedic scope of practice or if it is only included in the scope of practice of specialist extended-skill paramedics. If so, what were the reasons for its removal and why?**

Adult endotracheal intubation continues to be in the scope of paramedics but will be phased out by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. For those joining the Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 it will not be included within their scope. Adult endotracheal intubation will continue to be in the scope of Critical Care Paramedics and Enhanced Care Teams.

Paediatric endotracheal intubation is not within the scope of paramedics but is within the scope of Critical Care Paramedics and Enhanced Care Teams.

The decision to remove endotracheal intubation from the paramedic scope was multifactorial, but in summary:

- Frequency of practice amongst the paramedic workforce with both increasing use and confidence in latest generation supraglottic devices and the availability of specialist paramedics.
- The balance of risk/benefit based on current available evidence.
- Compliance with expected standards of success based on international best practice statements.
- Prioritisation of skills assurance time on other aspects of care seen with greater frequency or with high risk profile.

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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