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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230711.

You requested the following information. Please also see our response below:

Please can you advise if you currently supply front line staff within your service a Swabbing Kit for Forensic DNA Analysis to use if they are assaulted (for example spat at, have blood/ bodily fluids thrown at them) by a member of the public/ patient?

An example of such kit is here -

https://www.spservices.co.uk/item/SwabbingKitforForensicDNAAnalysis_1020_6331_1.html

If you do, please can you provide any information such as policies, procedures or guidance issued to staff relating to the use them?

We do not supply swabbing kits to staff. We have formal processes in place in the event of an incident of this nature to protect the health and wellbeing of our staff.

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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