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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230712.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you provide the following information:

- 1. Does the trust have a direct referral pathway to a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) unit for clinical staff within your organisation to use**

We do TIA referrals to stroke units that offer telemedicine directly (all of Kent, parts of Surrey and Sussex). For areas of the Trust which don't use telemedicine, SECamb contact the patient's GP or else take the patient to the local ED if local referral to the GP is not possible.

- 2. IF SO: Could you provide the:**

a) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) document and

Please see attached. Aspirin protocol is contained in JRCALC+ (Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee), see screen-shot.

b) Any related paperwork (eg, referral form) required in the process of referral to a TIA unit.

Via phone only – stroke nurse will ask relevant questions or GP will ring patient or relative and ask relevant questions.

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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