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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231204. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

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

**Can you provide an up-to-date version of the Ranks & Epaulettes for the South East Coast Ambulance Service - NHS Trust?**

The current Trust Uniform Procedure lists the command structure as below. Please note this document is currently under review and consultation.

**Appendix A: Rank Slide Definitions**

1. Deputy Director of Operations: Cartwheel and 2 x pip
2. Associate Director of Operations: Cartwheel and 1 x pip
3. Strategic Commander/Heads of Operations: Cartwheel
4. Tactical Commander (OUM): Crown and 1 x pip
5. EOC Tactical Commander (OUM): Crown and 1 x pip
6. Tactical Commander (OM): Crown
7. EOC (Operational commander training): 3 x pip
8. HART TL: 3 x pip
9. OTL (Operational commander trained 3 x pip
10. OTL (non-operational commander trained 2 x pip
11. EOC team leaders (EMATL/DTL) 2 x pip

Red epaulettes denote specialist or consultant paramedics and Medical staff such as Doctors.

Additional information - Abbreviations

- OUM: Operating Unit Manager
- EOC: Emergency Operations Centre
- OM: Operations Manager
- HART: Hazardous Area Response Team
- TL: Team Leader
- OTL: Operational Team Leader
- EMATL: Emergency Medical Advisor Team Leader
- DTL: Dispatch Team Leader

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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