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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231218.

You requested the following information, please also see our response on the attached document:

**Could I politely request the following information from yourselves:**

- 1. Could you please tell me whether your ambulance trust currently has any pre-employment fitness assessment in place for those applying for an ambulatory role? (Including both registered and non-registered roles).**
- 2. If this is the case, could I request any information that applicants receive regarding the fitness test prior to an assessment day? (including any specific tests and their pass criteria). If applicants do not receive any information, could I please still be informed of all fitness tests included within the assessment and their associated pass values?**
- 3. Could you also tell me how the current pass values have been determined and what this has been based upon? (This could be academic research or ambulance related tasks). If it is academic research could I request a copy of whatever studies were included?**
- 4. If no pre-employment fitness assessment is currently in place, what specific manual handling tests are employed ambulatory personnel required to undertake to be deemed physically competent for the role? (If it is to lift or carry a certain item/weight, could these details be included please)**

Please see attached document.

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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