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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 240622.

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

Are you aware there are now two registered End Point Assessment Organisations (EPAOs) for the following Ambulance Apprenticeship standards:

- 1. AMBULANCE SUPPORT WORKER (EMERGENCY, URGENT AND NON-URGENT) Reference Number: ST0627**
- 2. ASSOCIATE AMBULANCE PRACTITIONER Reference Number: ST0287**

Yes

Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide the following information (in relation to the above standards):

- 1. Is your NHS Trust currently contracted to using a specific EPAO?**

Please see below

- 2. If yes to Q1, when does this contract expire?**

Please see below.

- 3. If no to Q1, will you be going out to tender for EPAO services?**
- 4. If yes to Q3, can you provide any further details, for example, anticipated dates, tender platforms, etc.?**

All of our apprenticeships are delivered by an FE College. The college has contracts with a variety of EPAOs as this should be employer led. Generally, the contracts are renewed annually or continue to roll. When the college started to deliver these two standards there was only one EPAO for both. We have built a very good working relationship with this EPAO and we have not needed to change to the other EPAO.

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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