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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 240804.

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

**I'd like to make a request for information please regarding applications for ambulance technician roles as the current adverts are somewhat unclear, within part of the advert it states the QA Level 5 Diploma in First Response Emergency & Urgent Care (FREUC5) is accepted as an alternative to BTEC Level 3 Ambulance Aid / IHCD Technician. However in the job description it does not contain any information on the FREUC5 qualification being acceptable? Please can you confirm the following.**

**Could you please clarify,**

- 1. What pre hospital qualifications do you accept for external applicants for ECSW experienced adverts?**
  1. Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance driving and Valid IHCD Emergency Driving qualification.
  2. At least 2 years on a front-line ambulance experience as ECA or ECSW
  3. C1 Licence
  4. L3 diploma qualification for ECSW, however where this is not held consideration escalated to the Consultant Paramedic for view.
- 2. What pre hospital qualifications are accepted for private ambulance providers for the equivalent to ECSW or ECA grade?**
  1. As above
- 3. What pre hospital qualifications do you accept for external applicants for technician roles.**
  1. **Full IHCD Technician certificate only** or equivalent BTEC Level 3 Ambulance Aid awarded through Pearsons
  2. Full C1 Licence

3. Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance driving and Valid Emergency Driving qualification.
4. **What pre hospital qualifications are accepted for private ambulance providers for the equivalent to Technician grade?**
  1. As above
5. **Is specifically the FREUC5 qualification accepted as technician equivalent for external applicants?**

No, not at this time, though is under review.

**4) Is the FREUC5 Qualification going to be used for internal training within SECamb instead of the current level 4 AAP qualification?**

No, not at this time

**5) Is specifically the FREUC5 qualification accepted as equivalent qualification for Technician, and if not will it be accepted in the future?**

No, not at this time, though is under review (no anticipated time for decision)

**(please can you feedback that the current adverts are somewhat unclear, which may deter some applicants)**

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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