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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 230910.

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

please could I ask for the following:

- 1. Is it your policy to send x4 Paramedics, or X2 crews (Para Technician, or other) to Cardiac arrest calls?**

Our policy is neither, it's to send 4 'pairs of hands', one of which must be a paramedic.

- 2. Are there any instances over the last 12 months whereby you have sent x1 crew to a cardiac arrest?**

Yes. In certain cases, when the initial ambulance arrives before additional resources are dispatched, they may find the patient in a condition unrelated to cardiac arrest or not compatible with commencing resuscitation (such as a condition unequivocally associated with death or a valid and applicable advance decision to refuse treatment, specifically refusing CPR).

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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