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Dear,

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Chair: Usman Awais Khan; CEO: Simon Weldon

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240120.

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

We are undertaking so market research into blue light driver training for newly qualified staff and driver check training for already qualified staff. Would it be ok to ask a couple of questions in line with this subject?

1. Are you outsourcing your driver training requirements for your trust, for your staff to gain the <u>Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response</u>
Ambulance Driving (B Class Vehicles)

SECAmb primarily delivers this training requirement in house. On one occasion, for a small specific cohort of staff the training was outsourced.

2. Are staff allowed to choose their provider for the driver training?

All external staff can choose whoever they wish to train, internal staff go through the SECAmb approved FutureQuals training centre.

3. Would you consider sending your staff to Herefordshire to undertake the course, if you have input and requirements?

This would have to depend on operational organisational demand and clinical education capacity to run courses. There is no further plan to outsource this training.

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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