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The Trust is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, thank you. This request has been assigned the internal reference quoted above; please ensure that you quote this number in any future correspondence.

We have now provided a formal response below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding the completion of this request. At the time of writing the Trust continues to receive high volumes of FOI requests, many of which are complex and time consuming. In this instance, the Trust has not responded within the required 20 working days, and for this we apologise.

### **FOI Request**

You asked us:

**I am looking at the differences in scope of practice across the UK between community first responders and I would like to understand the clinical skills of your community first responders with regard to use of the following:**

- **Can any of your CFRs use the following drugs: Aspirin, GTN, Paracetamol, Glucagon & Glucogel, Epinephrine, Loratadine, Naloxone, Salbutamol, Pentrox, Entonox. If so do they carry their own supply or is it a patient's own medication.**
- **Can any of your CFRs use the following equipment: NPA, Igel, powered suction, lifting chairs/cushions.**

**If there are restrictions based upon a skill level or additional training to access these skills please could you outline this in the response (e.g. CFR advanced can do etc)**

### **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.



Within SECAMB, CFRs are able to administer aspirin, Glucogel, and salbutamol, which are provided by the Trust. They are also authorised to administer the patient's own adrenaline (epinephrine) auto-injector. They are not authorised to administer any other medication.

CFRs are trained and authorised to use NPA, iGel, suction, and lifting chairs (with supplementary training).

### **Next steps**

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance, via the following email address: [FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints).

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator**  
**South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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