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Dear,

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:

Please can you provide an answer too the following question:

What Banding does your trust pay a Qualified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)?

A Qualified Emergency Medical Technician is defined as any EMT who has completed their training and is expected to work as a part of a two person crew, with an Emergency Care Assistant (Or Equivalent) or a Paramedic (Or Equivalent).

If you pay different banding to EMTs, (I.e Newly Qualified, Senior, Student / in training), please state the banding for these roles, and how long it would take them to progress to Band 5.

Does your trust allow a Qualified Emergency Medical Technician to work on a Rapid Response Vehicle, or work solo to attend patients in any aspect of their job role?



Formal Response

What Banding does your trust pay a Qualified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)?

Here at South East Coast Ambulance Service, our Technicians are compensated at Band 5. Technicians wishing to join SECamb can do so by applying through TRAC Jobs, where such vacancies are advertised. To apply for a Technician role, candidates must meet the following essential criteria: a Full IHCD Technician certificate or equivalent BTEC Level 3 Ambulance Aid/FREC 5, a valid Emergency Driving qualification, and a Full C1 Licence.

Does your trust allow a Qualified Emergency Medical Technician to work on a Rapid Response Vehicle, or work solo to attend patients in any aspect of their job role?

Within SECamb, we operate a range of solo response vehicles (SRVs) and double-crewed ambulances (DCAs) that are used by our workforce. SRVs are typically assigned to our Advanced Paramedics, Paramedic Practitioners, and Critical Care Paramedics.

In situations where a Band 6 paramedic finds themselves without a crew mate due to sickness or other factors, they may be placed on an SRV until a crew mate becomes available. At that point, they would be returned to base to pair up and create a conveying resource.

Band 5 paramedics, AAPs (Associate Ambulance Practitioner), and Technicians would not be placed to work on an SRV. Where a Band 5 Paramedic, Technician, AAP or ECSW (Emergency Care Support Worker) finds themselves without a crewmate, they would book onto a DCA conveying resource as a Solo, which will be utilised according to the dispatch policy; at a point a crew mate becomes available the solo DCA would be returned to base to pair up and create a double conveying resource.

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

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.



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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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