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Dear

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

Please urgently provide a full and complete list of ALL equipment used on or for [name obscured**] or on the body of paramedics such as walkie talkies, cameras etc after the paramedics arrived at the scene following the 999 call.**

This should include but not limited to:
1. Make, model, manufacturer, year of manufacture of THE LIFEPAK specifically used.
2. Make, model, manufacturer, year of manufacture of THE INTEROSEOIUS GUN used.
3. Make, model, manufacturer, year of manufacture of ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT used including body cameras and communication devices.

I understand since mid 2021 all paramedics were required to wear body cameras and other recording devices to protect themselves against possible future adverse enquiries. c.f. below link article dated 2nd June 2021.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you have requested.

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The Trust does not disclose or confirm information concerning individually named data subjects, or single episodes of care, in response to freedom of information requests. The Trust considers this information to be exempt from disclosure, in accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000.

The Trust can provide information regarding the devices you have named, that are in use across the Trust fleet and workforce. Please note the information we have on record and have provided, varies by equipment type. Please find this below.

1. LIFEPAKs

Make:	LIFEPAK
Model:	LP15
Manufacturer:	Stryker
Year of manufacture:	2011 – 2024

2. Intraosseous Injection Devices

Make:	Arrow
Model:	EZ-IO Power Driver
Manufacturer:	Teleflex Medical
Month of manufacture:	February 2024 – May 2024

3. Body Worn Cameras and Communication Devices

Body Worn Cameras

Make / Model:	VB400
Manufacturer:	Motorola
Year of manufacture:	2020 – 2025

Radio Communication

Make / Model:	TETRA STP9038
Manufacturer:	Sepura Ltd
Year of manufacture:	2014 – 2024

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Body worn video cameras (BWVs) are available to staff to choose whether they wish to wear these to help reduce the impact of any incident of violence or abuse. They should be activated when the wearer feels at risk of violence and/or abuse or when a situation escalates or is at risk of escalating and the wearer feels vulnerable or at risk.

BWV trained staff who are wearing BWV should activate their device when their risk assessment of the situation indicates an increased potential threat to the safety of the user and/or their colleagues or members of the public.

The decision to record or not to record any incident of violence and abuse always remains at the discretion of the trained user. The sole purpose of recording is to capture evidence relating to an incident of violence or abuse. A BWV is not to be used for any other reason.

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate 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.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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