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Internal Reference: 260430
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **18/04/2026**. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.**

Your Request and our Formal Response

Please confirm the clinical grade, operational role, or level of practitioner who attended the incident on 19 July 2024 and performed invasive procedures, including intraosseous access and airway intervention.

An Operational Team Leader (OTL).

This request is limited to:

- The level or category of clinician (for example, paramedic, critical care paramedic, doctor, or commander-level practitioner)

Intraosseous access and advanced airway interventions are within the scope of practice of the following groups of clinicians:

- **Operational Team Leader (Paramedic)**
- **Critical Care Paramedic**
- **Paramedic**
- **Newly Qualified Paramedic**
- **Associate Ambulance Practitioner**
- **Doctor (from Air Ambulance KSS)**



- **HEMS Paramedic (from Air Ambulance KSS)**
- The corresponding scope of practice associated with that role
 - **Attached Clinical Standards and Scope of Practice Policy.**
- Whether that role includes authorisation to perform the procedures described
 - **All interventions performed were within the scope of the clinicians performing them.**

In addition, please confirm:

- Whether a practitioner operating in a command or non-clinical leadership capacity is permitted to perform intraosseous access and advanced airway interventions
 - **They can perform interventions in line with their scope of practice. In the case of an OTL, they are a paramedic and therefore authorised to perform inventions within the scope of practice of a paramedic.**
- The policy or governance framework governing such actions
 - **This falls under the Clinical Standards and Scope of Practice Policy.**

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.



The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
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