

High-Level Summary of Equipment Carried on Frontline Ambulances

(For FOI disclosure – non-operational, high-level overview)

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust equips its frontline ambulances and response vehicles with a **standardised range of clinical, safety and support equipment**, designed to enable the safe assessment, treatment and transport of patients across a wide range of emergency and urgent care situations.

In line with patient safety and national resilience considerations, the Trust provides the following **high-level categories of equipment**, rather than detailed itemised lists or vehicle layouts.

1. Airway and Breathing Support

Equipment to support airway management and respiratory care for adults, children and neonates, including:

- Basic and advanced airway devices
- Oxygen delivery equipment
- Manual ventilation equipment
- Suction devices and accessories
- Capnography and monitoring interfaces where clinically required

2. Circulation, IV and IO Access

Equipment to support circulatory management and vascular access, including:

- Intravenous and intraosseous access equipment
- Fluids and administration sets
- Consumables associated with cannulation and infusion

3. Cardiac Monitoring and Resuscitation

Equipment to monitor and manage cardiac conditions and cardiac arrest, including:

- Defibrillation and monitoring devices
- Cardiac arrest adjuncts
- Associated electrodes, cables and consumables

4. Trauma and Haemorrhage Control

Equipment to manage trauma and serious injury, including:

- Trauma dressings and bandaging
- Haemorrhage control equipment
- Pelvic stabilisation and traction devices
- Chest injury management equipment

5. Maternity and Neonatal Care

Dedicated equipment to support childbirth and neonatal emergencies, including:

- Maternity packs
- Newborn care aids
- Thermal protection and infection-control items appropriate for neonatal care

6. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Equipment to protect patients and crew from infection risks, including:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Decontamination products
- Clinical waste and sharps management items

7. Patient Assessment and Observations

Equipment to support clinical assessment and diagnosis, including:

- Vital signs monitoring tools
- Blood glucose and other point-of-care testing equipment
- Observation and examination aids

8. Manual Handling and Patient Movement

Equipment to safely move patients, including:

- Stretchers and transfer aids
 - Manual handling devices
 - Bariatric and specialist handling equipment where required
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9. Patient Comfort, Dignity and Welfare

Supporting equipment to maintain patient comfort and dignity, including:

- Blankets and thermal aids
 - Hygiene and personal care items
 - Patient belongings and medication bags
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10. Rescue and Scene Safety Equipment

Equipment to support safe operations at incidents, including:

- Basic rescue tools
 - Scene safety equipment
 - Roadside and visibility aids
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11. Medicines and Controlled Drugs (Controlled Access)

Medicines are carried in accordance with strict governance arrangements and are stored securely in line with legislation and national guidance. Detailed information regarding medicines, quantities and storage arrangements is **not publicly disclosed**.

12. Clinical Documentation and Contingency Materials

Equipment to support record-keeping and continuity of care, including:

- Backup documentation for IT outages
 - Patient information materials
 - Incident and safeguarding documentation
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Important note on disclosure

This summary reflects the **general categories of equipment** carried across the Trust's frontline fleet. Detailed itemised lists, quantities, bag configurations and vehicle layouts are not disclosed, as releasing such information could compromise staff safety, patient care, and emergency response resilience.