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Internal Reference: 260752
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **26/07/2026**.
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 could you review this FOI request to assist us with research within our own Trust that we are hopeful to publish. We are specifically looking to determine whether there is a correlation between patients receiving endotracheal intubation without induction drugs following ROSC and mortality, compared to those either managed without an endotracheal tube, or receiving an endotracheal tube (ETT) during arrest.

Please could you help us with the following;

- Does your organisation permit or undertake endotracheal intubation following return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) without the use of induction or paralytic drugs? If so, under what circumstances?

Yes, please see the attached CPG for the precise circumstances.

- Please provide details of any policies, procedures, clinical guidelines, governance arrangements, training requirements, or oversight structures relating to this practice.



Clinical practice guideline attached. ETI is only permitted by trust Critical Care Paramedics and is overseen by the Trust's critical care quality assurance procedure (also attached), that details the required clinical governance.

- How frequently has this practice been undertaken within your organisation during the last five years? If available, please provide relevant activity data.

In the last 5 years, there have been 321 documented occurrences of ETI placement *after* ROSC has been achieved.

- Has your organisation published, presented, or otherwise disseminated any information relating to this practice, including research, audits, evaluations, conference presentations, reports, or grey literature? If so, please provide copies or links where available.

No, the Trust has not published, presented or disseminated any research, audits, evaluations, conference presentations, reports or other literature relating to this.

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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