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Internal Reference: 261050
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **25/10/2026**.
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

I am trying to find out when Associate Practitioners who were originally on band 4 in 2019 and remained Associate Practitioners were made up to band 5 in line with Technicians please?

Formal Response

Following a review of clinical grades, deployment and scope of practice, SECAmb implemented a change whereby Associate Practitioners (APs), Associate Ambulance Practitioners (AAPs) and Technicians were aligned to the same scope of practice and paid at Agenda for Change Band 5. The change took effect from 1 October 2022.

Staff in these roles who were qualified non-registered staff and not already at Band 5 were moved to the entry point of Band 5 from that date.
Affected staff were notified via Trust Wide bulletin on 1 July 2022.

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 Commission (IC). The IC generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

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

Alternatively, you may write to:
4th Floor, No.3 Circle Square
5 Hawkshaw Street
Manchester
M1 7BL

Yours sincerely,

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