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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/07/12.

You requested the following information:

1. What/ if any fitness testing procedures do you have for Paramedics looking to gain employment to your ambulance Trust? What are the standards you require on these tests?

We undertake fitness assessments as part of our selection criteria. Please find standards attached, these are sent to all candidates invited to our selection days.

2. Is offer of employment dependent on reaching said criteria?

All our candidates applying for frontline roles need to reach the required standard along with passing other identified testing methods (dependant on the role being recruited into) to be successful in securing a conditional offer of employment with the Trust.

3. Do you have any mandatory retesting of ambulance personnel currently employed by your Trust? If so how often? And what is the outcome of failing such a test?

No.

4. Do you have any research to support the selection of the fitness tests you use?

Our fitness assessments are facilitated by independent qualified fitness instructors.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust's (SECAMB) Internal Review Procedure at:

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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