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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/12/11.

You requested the following information:

According to my specialization thesis "Ketamine in emergency medicine" at Slovak medical university in Bratislava, Department of emergency medicine, I would like to ask you to answer my questions about experiences with Ketamine medicament in practice of your company.

Do you have Ketamine, the WHO core list medicine, in your equipment?

- yes✓

- we had it, but we do not have it anymore

- no, we have never had it

Do you administer, or have you ever administered Ketamine?

- we do not refuse to use or utilize it in indicated cases✓

- seldom, rather very rarely, even if it could be administered we rather give something else

Why do you rather give something else? Not applicable

- we consider Ketamine to be an obsolete medicament

- also we have another one, better or proper medicines

- we do not have experiences with Ketamine, we are not familiar with it's effects

Have you ever had a patient under Ketamine?

- we had Ketamine intoxicated or drugged patient

- we had patient, whom Ketamine was given as medicine by us or by someone else✓

Also you can include your own answers or opinions. I am interested in Ketamine usage for sedation or analgesedation, particularly by EMS (emergency medical services), worldwide.

We can only provide information held by the Trust and not opinions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I hope you find this information helpful.

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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

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