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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/01/12.

You requested the following information:

**I am an Advanced Paramedic Practitioner in the Welsh Ambulance Service. I am currently doing my MSc dissertation and I am looking at Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Prehospital Care. I would like some information about your service.**

**Have you ever educated your ambulance staff on pressure ulcers and their prevention?**

We provide limited information relating to skin health/breakdown in relation to patient positioning. Specialist Paramedics experience more focused education about pressure ulcers and dressings.

**Do your paramedics undertake pressure ulcer risk assessments?**

They undertake assessments only in relation to consideration to durations of periods of time on hard surfaces (i.e. during immobilisation) and the risks of older people and pressure points.

**If so, what tool do they use?**

Not applicable

**Have you ever educated your patient transport service staff on pressure ulcers and their prevention?**

Please see the response to the first question.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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