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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/07/29.

You requested the following information:

**Please can you inform me of what induction process you currently have in place for Graduate Paramedics within your Trust. For the purpose of this request a Graduate Paramedic is a newly qualified paramedic who is taking up their first post after qualifying. Please also breakdown how much of the total induction course is taken up by driver training.**

**Please can you also provide any changes to your graduate induction course length over the past five years including a rationale for the change.**

Newly qualified paramedics undertake a Transition to Practice course when starting with the Trust, which lasts for four weeks. The syllabus is designed to support the individual as they make the change from student to qualified practitioner. They then go on to undertake four weeks emergency driving training – although the driver training element may be reduced if the candidate has an existing valid emergency driving qualification. Following their driver training they commence their preceptorship, which lasts for 12 months and provides the newly qualified paramedic with support to enhance and develop their experience.

The Transition to Practice course has been run at its current length since 2012, with the intention of ensuring that newly qualified paramedics receive appropriate support at the start of their career and to encourage their future development.

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:

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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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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