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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/08/17.

You requested the following information:

**Could you advise me how many Community First Responders you have, what training they receive and if they are allowed to carry Entonox in their own (rather than scheme provided) vehicles.**

We currently have 526 active Community First Responders (CFRs). This does not include Staff Responders or Co-Responders (Fire & Rescue).

There are two main training courses; the first being the Echo course and this is done in one day. The second course is known as the Mike course and CFRs are invited on to this once they have a clearer understanding of the requirements and have shown commitment to the scheme.

Following these two courses separate modules are introduced that will include administering salbutamol, taking patient observations and the use of a bag & valve mask.

#### **Echo Course**

- Primary survey
- Choking
- Recovery position
- Basic life support
- Automated external defibrillation
- Do Not Attempt CPR Orders

#### **Mike Course**

- Refresher on Echo Course
- Patient management assessment
- Record keeping
- Asthma
- Anaphylaxis

COPD  
Chest pain  
Stroke  
Diabetes  
Seizures  
Burns ,bleeding, bones and joints

At this moment in time CFRs are not allowed to use Entonox so it will not be carried in any vehicles. This includes the CFRs from St John's Ambulance.

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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