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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/10/18

You requested the following information:

1) Are all Community First Responder groups (CFR) within your Trust authorised to administer oxygen?

Yes. We have two levels of responder; Echo – who attend confirmed cardiac arrests (all ages), choking, unconscious casualty with noisy breathing (assumed arrest) and Mike – who attend Echo level calls and various medical conditions.

Echo level responders only use oxygen for patients in cardiac arrest when using a pocket mask to provide ventilations. They are instructed to set at 15 litres per minute.

Mike level responders can provide oxygen to various problems in line with the JRCALC oxygen guidelines.

2) How do they determine when oxygen is required?

Our responders are trained to follow JRCALC/British Thoracic Society guidelines for initiating oxygen therapy.

3) How do they cope with patients suffering from COPD?

Our responders provide oxygen therapy in line with JRCALC / British Thoracic Society guidelines, guided by peripheral oxygen saturation monitoring.

4) A list of the dispatch codes CFR respond to.

There are no specific codes our CFRs respond to.

Echo responders can respond to confirmed cardiac arrests, choking and patients unconscious with noisy breathing.

Mike responders can respond to most adult and paediatric patients.

CFR's do not attend calls relating to drugs/alcohol involvement, major trauma, road traffic collisions, suicide attempts / mental health, hazardous environments or maternity/obstetrics/gynaecological problems.

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

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