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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/06/01

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I am compiling a business case for our trust to carry Nasal end tidal co2 monitors. In order to do this I am trying to gain information from other trusts regarding their usage therefore I am submitting a freedom of information request regarding Nasal end tidal co2 monitoring and if you could answer the following questions that would be very helpful.

1) Do you carry Nasal end tidal co2 monitors?

Yes - A cadre of approx. 60 CCPs (IE 9 x 24hr/7day teams)

2) How much have you spent on Nasal end tidal co2 monitoring in the last year?

The trust has spent £31,799.04 on Nasal end tidal co2 monitoring in the last year

3) Have you provided specific staff training for the use of Nasal end tidal co2 monitoring?

ETCO2 theory is included in the Post Grad certificate component of CCP education and practical application as part of the CCP transition to practice training

4) Do you have any local statistics or audits your trust has compiled focusing on the use of Nasal end tidal co2 monitoring that could be shared with me?

None to date

5) What specific conditions do you recommend your staff to monitor Nasal end tidal co2?

CCPs should employ continuous Nasal End tidal CO2 monitoring as an adjunct to objectively measure ventilation in patients who have a reduced level consciousness +/- respiratory depression; use of end tidal CO2 monitoring (nasal or ET) is mandatory for any patient who is receiving medication with a sedative or respiratory depressive effect. End tidal CO2 monitoring is used diagnostically in cases of suspected bronchospasm, sepsis and pulmonary embolus.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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