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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/06/03.

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

**How many hypothermic patients did the Trust treat last year?**

It is not possible to give a definitive answer as we do not have full access to rectal or oesophageal temperature monitoring, or other means beyond tympanic thermometry to achieve true core temperatures. A CAD search for the word "hypotherm%" (% = wildcard) returns 111 calls but this is clearly not a true reflection of the number of calls.

**Do you have a breakdown for the origin of the hypothermia into medical, trauma or environmental causes? If so, what are the numbers or %?**

Unfortunately, this level of information is not available

**Has your Trust ever used warmed IV fluids prehospitally?**

Yes, we have used warmed IV fluids prehospitally

**What method of warming do you use? Eg in-line warming device, ambulance warmer drawer, other.**

The trust uses fluid warmers

**How long have you been using this method?**

The trust has been using this method since the formation of SECamb from the three legacy Trusts in 2007

**What are the identifying details of any purchased warming devices by make, model, cost?**

Sacci Thermobag 3 litre which cost £417.20 each

**How successful have you found each method?**

We have not audited hypothermia care so are unable to comment on this

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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