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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/09/01.

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

**I wish to make an FOI request for the following information. I understand that your colleagues in the London Ambulance Service have been issued with supply of Atropine in case of chemical attack and that they have undergone training in its use.**

**Please could you tell me:**

- **Has your ambulance service also done this?**
- **If so what was the reasoning for the decision?**
- **How much Atropine has been issued?**
- **Have all paramedics been trained in its use**
- **Is it now in all your ambulances?**

The South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB) has been carrying drugs suitable as an antidote in the event of a nerve agent attack for a number of years and is predicated through national risk assessments. This is a national programme with stocks being replenished in all ambulance services and facilitated via the National Ambulance Resilience Unit.

The item you are referring to is not Atropine. It is an auto injector device containing a mixture of drugs. Every frontline response vehicle and major incident vehicles carry supplies in varying numbers.

All operational staff are trained in its use as part of their induction training when joining the Trust and e-learning material is available.

We issue Major Incident Bags to all frontline vehicles which contain a variety of equipment for this type of incident.

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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