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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/10/36.

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

What training do paramedics currently receive or have access to within SECAS relating to mental health and/or suicide risk assessment?

Mental Health education is incorporated in Key Skills days

Is this mandatory and/or additional continued professional development training?

Key skills is mandatory but the topics contained within key skills are subject to change

If it is not mandatory, what are the uptake rates?

N/A

What does this training consist of? - What does it cover, how is it delivered and how long does the training take?

The training is provided over 2 days and is scenario based. It looks at two situations (including suicide risk) within which course members are asked to assess risk factors using an evidence based risk assessment tool to assist in determining risk and next clinical course of action.

Are there any forms of assessments or feedback mechanisms?

Feedback for the session is via an evaluation form for all students

Additionally, would you have any data regarding the effectiveness of this training?

There currently is no ongoing evaluation of learning apart from continuing professional development.

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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