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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/17/11/35.

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

Could you please provide me with any clinical guidelines, policies, procedures, protocols or similar that you have in place for the use by paramedics (including specialist/senior/advanced paramedics etc.) for the identification of posterior-circulation CVAs (strokes).

Further, could you provide me with any clinical guidelines, policies, procedures, protocols or similar that you have in place for the use by paramedics (including

specialist/senior/advanced paramedics etc.) for the assessment and management of patients presenting with "vertigo" or "dizziness" as their primary symptom.

This above information is exempt under Section 38 – Health & Safety.

Please note that all information contained within our clinical guidelines are referenced from the following which is all available in the public domain:

- NICE Clinical Knowledge Summary, Vertigo; http://cks.nice.org.uk/vertigo
- Oxford Handbook of General Practice S Chantal, H Everitt & F van Dorp
- The Minor Illness Manual, 4th Edition G Johnson, I Hill-Smith

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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