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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/02/11.

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

I would like to know if your trust can assist with the following using the freedom of information act:

- **Which setting you use (Manual or automatic defibrillation),**
We advocate all staff use all defibrillators in automatic mode initially to ensure that very fine VF is detected. Paramedics may switch their defibrillators to manual mode for other parts of a resuscitation. Community First Responders and junior grades of staff (non-paramedic) use AED modes on defibrillators.
- **Which health care professionals are allowed to use defibrillators and in which setting,**
We allow all healthcare professional with a resuscitation qualification and/or role to use manual and automated defibrillators.
- **Also if you could send me a copy of the guidelines within your trust for use of defibrillators.**
We follow the UK Resuscitation Guidelines for resuscitation, which are in the public domain.

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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