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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/23.

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

Please could you provide information of the transition programme from graduate paramedics leaving university to being fully operational Paramedics within your trust? Is this a theory based course or operational i.e. third manning ? How many hours does this transition take and how is it assessed?

The programme for Newly Qualified Paramedics (NQPs) follows the national Consolidation of Learning Programme, information about this is publicly available from the NHS Employers website.

Within SECamb NQPs attend a Transition to Practice programme at the start of their employment, which incorporates clinical and driver training and is delivered through a range of theory and practical courses.

Following the Transition to Practice programme they will start working in an operational role, completing a front-loaded 300 hours working with an experienced paramedic. They will then start working with other grades of staff for the remainder of their preceptorship period, which lasts for 24 months in total.

Assessment of the Consolidation of Learning Programme is learner-led, and evidenced through an ePortfolio through which the NQP can submit evidence to match against the Consolidation of Learning Outcomes. This is reviewed by the Clinical Education department

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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