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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/08/31.

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

**I would like to make a formal Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information act 2000. I have a series of specific questions relating to career progression:**

**1. Does your trust have an internal progressional route for staff to train to become paramedics, whilst still employed by your trust?**

Yes we do

**2. As a result of The HCPC ruling that future paramedic registrants should have a minimum qualification of BSc, has your trust stopped future internal paramedic training?**

No, SECamb have an internal pathway from ECSW through to BSc Paramedic

**3. Does your trust plan to provide a route for your own staff to complete a paramedic related BSc in the future?**

Yes, in 2020 we will be offering the BSc Level 6 Apprenticeship route, which internal staff can apply for

**4. If your trust does plan to provide an internal progressional route to register as a paramedic how will this be delivered?**

Currently it is being delivered by university partners, with SECamb providing the ambulance placement hours

**5. If your trust does plan to provide an internal progressional route to register as a paramedic how will this be funded?**

From 2020, the academic elements will be funded via the Apprenticeship levy

**6. If your trust does plan to provide an internal progressional route to register as a paramedic what will be the rate of pay for future student paramedics with your trust?**

Staff remain on their existing terms and conditions until graduation and HCPC registration, they then become an Newly Qualified Paramedic

**If your trust does plan to provide an internal progressional route to register as a paramedic how many paramedics will you train every year?**

From 2020 we are aiming to commission approximately 100 places per year, however this is still in discussion and will depend on workforce modelling

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 Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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