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Dear,

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

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

**I live in a Close where dustbins are placed on public footpaths that are to some degree blocking both entry and exit points to houses and properties. At night these areas are in pitch black and I am in the process of seeking their removal due to safety risks. I am concerned that this can be dangerous for the Ambulance and Fire brigade Services and would like to see and know what your Safety at Work Regulations are at scenes of accidents and home visitations are.**

For scenarios relating to this matter our staff undertake a dynamic Risk Assessment approach (not documented).

**Dynamic Risk Assessment** is: "The continuous process of identifying hazards, assessing risk, taking action to eliminate or reduce risk, monitoring and reviewing, in the rapidly changing circumstances of an operational incident."

Due to the nature of work that we undertake it's difficult to control hazards for a pre-hospital environment. This is why we undertake Dynamic Risk Assessments as each call attended varies in terms of the hazards our staff are presented with.

Our Ambulance crews are supplied with torches and our vehicles have additional lighting to improve visibility for our staff.

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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