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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/10/27.

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

I am looking into the content of paramedic courses across the UK to see what they have to offer regarding paramedics management of stoma patients or stoma care emergencies to see what education paramedics are receiving for their management of patients living with a stoma. I have a few questions about the course content and what you provide for this subject such as:

- **Does the training you provide enable the paramedic to gain a foundation degree or a bachelor's degree, or other?**
- **If your paramedics go to university, which universities do you provide for your paramedics?**
- **Have you provided any mandatory stoma care content in the last 5 years? If the answer is yes please could you provide details of what was covered.**
- **Does the abdominal examination in your student paramedic course cover this subject and how they may differ from another patient?**
- **Do you provide any hospital placements or community placements for the students where they're may be patients with a stoma bag?**

We do not run any paramedic courses. Whilst we have student paramedics, all paramedic courses are delivered by higher education institutes (HEI). Paramedics can come to us from any UK HEI following completion of training, however our internal student paramedics and those that we provide placement for are partnered with St Georges University of London, Greenwich University, Brighton University, Canterbury Christchurch University and University of Surrey.

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, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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