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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/44.

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

Can we have the following information please

The risk assessment on each of the double crewed ambulances (DCA) in use in this nhs trust. Including bariatric, neo-natel, and an other.

Please find these attached

The training guide for each of the DCAs makes and models used in the trust.

SECAMB does not have training guides specifically related to each DCA type. The Trust trains staff to be competent in the use of all the equipment that is found in any DCA (they have a standard contents list and layout) – this is a standard training approach for all new staff. During the Trust induction all staff are have a 'walk-through' of all vehicles to appreciate individual nuances undertaken as part of their clinical and driver training programme.

The quantity of each and all the DCA models and build for example

Mercedes sprinter 214, 47 vehicles wilker

Mercedes sprinter 217, 79 vehicles WAS

Fiat Ducato 116 van conversion

Please see below:

72 – Mercedes Sprinter 518 Chassis Cab – Wilker box conversion

294 – Mercedes Sprinter 519 Chassis cab – Wilker box conversion

38 – Fiat Ducato Van – Wilker Van conversion

The evidence used and or considered to ensure those being carried within the DCA are as safe as possible similar to the NCap rating used when considering the purchase of single response or manager cars.

All vehicles are built as per SECAMB specification and going forward will be built as per the national standard specification as laid out in the Carter report. All Vehicles are CEN compliant.

What is the average VOR time for each of the types of vehicles used in 2017/18 18/19 financial calendar year.

We don't record an average VOR time for each vehicle type, we know our average daily VOR rate for DCA's is 8%

What was the average fuel cost and mileage for each type.

Mercedes Sprinter 518 –Average mileage 60,000 miles per vehicle fuel cost of £22,286

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Fiat Ducato van conversion –Average mileage 60,000 miles per vehicle fuel cost of £19,500

How many clutches were replaced on the vehicles?

We have so far replaced 3 clutches on Fiat DCA's within the last 18months. The other vehicles are all automatic.

What checks do you make to ensure the staff especially those from outside the UK have the correct driving license including using manual vehicles?

Staff driving licenses are checked on appointment and again each year on annual appraisal

What is the infection prevention contamination swab test results for the DCA cab? If this hasn't been checked are we able to have 25 DCA randomly tested to see what the cab area is reading. What are the results?

Please see swab testing results for Quarter 1 2019. This covers 4 vehicles per month per operating unit, therefore the table below shows the average for 120 vehicles swab tested during Quarter 1.

April 2019	Steering Wheel	Handbrake Lever	Gear Lever	MDT Screen
DCA start of shift	372	146	196	171
DCA mid/end of shift	470	223	270	1001
May 2019	Attendant interior door release	Driver interior door release	Attendant sun visor	Drivers sun visor
DCA start of shift	135	163	108	87
DCA mid/end of shift	195	175	129	119
June 2019	Garmin sat-nav screen	Vehicle keys fob	Posse box / PCR Board base	Posse box PCR Board sides
DCA start of shift	172	347	355	186

DCA mid/end of shift	192	568	213	272
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Key:

<200 Target Cleanliness
201 – 400 Cause for Concern
>400 Unacceptable

**Is there any vehicles that have clinical equipment excluding gloves in the cab?
If so what equipment and which vehicles.**

No

Where are the staff bags kept/stored on the vehicles?

Mercedes – Kept in the top cupboard above the stretcher

Fiat – Currently kept in the old infection control cupboard

Where are the RTC jackets hung up or placed in the DCA?

The jackets are kept on pegs behind both the drivers and passenger seats in the vehicle cab

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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