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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/02.

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

1. Please enter the full name of your Ambulance Service .

South East Coast Ambulance Service

2. Has the Ambulance Service named in question 1 taken part in any form of 'Prehospital Sepsis Diagnosis and Treatment' trials?

No

3. If you have answered 'Yes' or 'Currently undergoing trials', please name the trial and if possible the name of the lead researcher.

N/A

4. Do paramedics currently use a 'Sepsis' screening tool when treating patients?

Yes

5. If you answered 'Yes' to question 4, please provide details of the tool e.g. external provider 'sepsistrust.org', internally created tool.

Internally created tool which is a slightly altered version of the UK Sepsis Trust Guidelines and validated by them

6. If you answered 'No' to question 4, are there any plans to introduce a sepsis screening tool?

N/A

7. Does the Ambulance Service named in question 1 currently take blood cultures in red flag sepsis situations?

No

8. Does the Ambulance Service named in question 1 currently administer broad-spectrum antibiotics in red flag sepsis situations?

No. The only case where antibiotics would be given would be where Benzylpenicillin was clinically indicated as per JRCALC guidelines for suspected meningococcal septicaemia and this patient also triggered Red Flag. Red Flag signs/symptoms alone are not an indication for antibiotics.

9. Where questions 7 and/or 8, have been answered 'Yes', please briefly describe any problems encountered.

N/A

10. Please briefly describe any concerns or reservations that the Ambulance Service named in question 1 may have with the use of or possible future use of broad-spectrum antibiotics.

We cannot answer this as this is opinion based

11. If you have any further information that you feel is relevant to the questions asked, please enter it here.

N/A

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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