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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/47.

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

The levels of minimal restraint (or proportional response) training conducted within the UK Ambulance Services.

I would be grateful if you could supply me with information pertaining to the following:

1. Current training undertaken by the Trust and by which training provider (or e-learning).

SECamb has in the past had programmes in which staff are trained in disengagement (breakaway) skills however these were recently discontinued in order for us to:

1. Take stock of the governance arrangements around this training
2. Review our practice in relation to NICE guidelines
3. Review our training in relation to pending NASMED guidelines

We, like most other Ambulance trust have not formally trained our staff in actual restraint techniques (this is not a requirement or suggestion in NICE guidelines (see NG10) however we will be looking at such training in its entirety within our Clinical Education Steering Group, and newly formed Violence Reduction Group in January 2020.

2. Understanding and/or acceptance of staff regarding the necessity for the training under current guidelines.

Currently being scoped by our team, which includes, Health and Safety, Security, Consultant Mental Health Nurse, Clinical Education

3. Any statistics relating to the application of restraint activity (positive or negative).

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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