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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/12/27.

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

**I would like to know how many ambulance vehicles owned by the trust have been in use for seven years or more and how that relates to the total number of ambulances in the fleet.**

**E.g Of the 100 ambulances we operate 15 have been in use for 7 years or more.**

**I would also like to know how long the oldest vehicle in the fleet has been in operation.**

Of the 347 DCA's (Double Crewed Ambulance) we have in service 117 of these are older than 7 years, with 40 of the 117 being part of our current replacement programme and the remaining vehicles due to be replaced in 2021/22.

The oldest DCA in service is 10 years old. All our vehicles undergo regular service and safety checks.

The Trust's replacement programme trajectory is that by 2022 the Trust will operate a DCA fleet no older than 7 years.

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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