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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/20/01/06.

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

1. Is there any region within SECAS currently where ambulance crews* have access to non-invasive ventilation machines in the form of CPAP or Bi-PAP?

Yes – SECamb Critical Care Paramedics who are car based carry a CPAP device which runs off oxygen. We do not carry BiPAP.

2. Is there any region within SECAS where there are plans to introduce non-invasive ventilation machines in the form of CPAP or Bi-PAP in the foreseeable future for use by ambulance crews*?

No – The Critical Care Paramedics will continue to carry and use CPAP when indicated.

*** Where ambulance crews refers to vehicles which are either paramedic-led or technician-led and responding to 999 calls.**

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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