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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 20/03/12.

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

I was wondering if I could request information regarding your Joint Response Unit where Police and Ambulance work together.

I am happy to be supplied this information outside of FOI if this is easier and a less formal approach.

I would like to know:

1. How your JRU is funded. (CCG, PCC)

JRU's are funded locally through an agreed combination of funds between SECAMB and the local police services. Vehicles are from existing fleet, some staffing is on overtime, otherwise generally part of SECAMB Operating Unit budgets.

2. Running costs.

Absorbed into general Operations Budget (see above)

3. Days & Hours of operation.

Across the Trust, 2 units run 7 days a week, 1500-2300 or 1600-0000, and 2 units run from 1800-0200 on Friday and Saturday nights only.

4. How is it made up: clinical type (EMT, Paramedic) and Officer type (Special Constable)

Paramedic B6 and above, with a mix of volunteer and paid Police Officers.

5. How is this unit dispatched (self-mobilising, police controlled, Ambulance controlled)

All three methods are used.

6. What MPDS category of call, or type of call this unit is dispatched to?

SECamb uses NHS Pathways as the call triage system. The calls that the units can be dispatched to include any type of incident where a joint response may be of benefit.

7. Do you have any data relating to the performance and effectiveness of this JRU?

See attached

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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