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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200621.

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

I would like to access information regarding NQPs / Exp Paramedics under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please.

Can you please advise on the below;

1) How many Newly qualified Paramedics (NQPs) do Secamb employ?

Headcount 335

2) How many Experience (Band 6) Paramedic you employ? - Please do not include specialist / advanced paramedics.

Headcount 579

3) Do Secamb follow the NQP national framework for 'fast tracking' of NQPs, who demonstrate relevant experience?

SECamb do not currently have a process approved for fast-tracking NQPs.

4) Can NQPs who have held roles within the service i.e. ECA / Technician / AAP for a period of time and have significant experience within these roles & have recently qualified as a Newly qualified paramedic apply for fast tracking within the trust?

As per Q3, so this is not available.

5) Can NQPs employed by Secamb work on a single response vehicle / rapid response vehicle? Or is there a time limit in which they have to wait until they can i.e. 6 months post-employment / HCPC registration?

We do not allow NQPs to work on Single Response Vehicles at all whilst they are NQPs.

6) Can you confirm how many NQPs have been fast tracked to a band 6 experienced paramedic before the 2-year national framework within the last three years.

As per Q3, therefore zero.

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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