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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200612.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with copies of correspondence between the Trust and the Department of Health and Social Care on the subject of the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the ambulance workforce.

In response to the above FOI, we have reached out to each directorate within the Trust as well as specifically to the CEO office (including Chair, NEDs, Governors), Communications department, Volunteers/Chaplains department and the COVID-19 Management Team (CMT).

To confirm, we have found one piece of evidence of direct correspondence between the Trust and the DHSC on the subject of the coronavirus outbreak and the impact on the ambulance workforce (please see attached).

It is acknowledged that there may be correspondence which the Trust has had with local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) or NHSE England / Improvement (NHSEI) which may subsequently have been fed up to the DHSC by those organisations however the Trust would not necessarily be aware of this.

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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