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Dear Mr Smith

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which was received on 11 April 2022. I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested. You asked the following questions, reproduced in **bold** below:

I am writing to request information on endotracheal intubation in your trust. Specifically:

- Which staff grades (e.g. EMT, NQP, paramedic, CCP, Dr, etc) are allowed to intubate, as a core skill of their clinical grade?

Pre-COVID all qualified paramedics were able to perform endo-tracheal intubation. During the first wave of COVID-19 this was restricted to Specialist Paramedics (Emergency Care). These arrangements remain in place.

- Which staff roles (e.g. frontline paramedic, HART paramedic, managers, BASICS, etc) are allowed to intubate, as a core skill in their role?

Please see Q1

- What are the requirements for individual clinicians to demonstrate and maintain competency in intubation?

Annual airway assessment as part of statutory and mandatory training.

- Does the trust plan to expand intubation to further grades/roles in the trust?

No

- Do trust paramedics perform needle cricothyroidotomy?

No

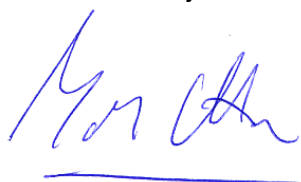
If you are not satisfied with the information we have provided, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter, which will be carried out by Mr Paul Aitken-Fell, who is the Trust's Lead Consultant Paramedic and is someone not involved with your original request.

If you wish to follow this route, please contact karen.greenacre@neas.nhs.uk who will commence the process on your behalf.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can ultimately complain to:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely



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