

Ref: FOI/3835

12 May 2022

Bob Smith  
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Dear Bob Smith,

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Further to your enquiry, which we received on 11 April 2022. Please see our response below in relation to the information you have requested:

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

Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics.

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

Doctors – BASICS or employed by the Trust on MERIT  
Critical Care Paramedics – employed by the Trust in that role or BASIC accredited.

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

Please find attached the CCP Intubation Governance documentation.

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

No.

**- Do trust paramedics perform needle cricothyroidotomy?**

Yes.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Anthony Marsh  
Regional Headquarters  
Millennium Point

Waterfront Way  
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The Chief Executive Officer will then appoint a nominated deputy to oversee and respond to the appeal with their approval.

Should you disagree with the contents of this letter you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire.  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Aimee Dicken**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**