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Dear Tom Brachey,

Re. FOI 16510 - Response

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request made to Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, which the Trust received on 2 April 2023 and the timescale for disclosure began on 3 April 2023.

Your request

1. Is Ketamine being brought into use by frontline Band 5/6 paramedics rather than just HART or Yorkshire Air Ambulance?
2. When is this coming into effect for each area?
3. Is it already in use in West Yorkshire?
4. If so, when was this added?
5. If you are adding this to a paramedics kit, why not release it for all areas at the same time? Surely if two crews from different areas, eg South Yorkshire where Ketamine hasn't been rolled out and West Yorkshire, if I am right where it has been rolled out, it is going to cause confusion as one crew can administer Ketamine and one can't?
6. If in the above event, are there any safeguards in place?
7. Is Pentrox being trialed?
8. Is this something that is going to be trialed?
9. What analgesics are available to be used?
10. Can you provide a list of what can be given and by what staff grade?

Trust response

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust can confirm that it holds this information.

1. No, Ketamine is not being brought into use by frontline Band 5/6 paramedics as it is only used by specialist paramedics in critical care, Hazardous Area Response Team ("HART") and Helicopter Emergency Medical Service ("HEMS") paramedics.
2. No timeframe as it has not been discussed.
3. No, only via PACKAMAN but every area has access to PACKMAN.
4. Not applicable.

5. If YAS was to add it to the frontline formulary, it would be implemented across the Trust at the same time, as per standard procedure with any new drug introduction.
6. Not applicable.
7. No, Pentrox is not being trialled as it has previously been trialled a number of years ago.
8. It may be added to the formulary in the future.
9. YAS' frontline analgesic formulary is Ketamine, Morphine, Paracetamol (oral and IV), Ibuprofen, and Entonox.
10. All those listed at 9., with the exception of Ketamine, can be given by all paramedics. In addition to this:
 - Critical Care/HART/HEMS paramedics can administer Ketamine
 - Doctors have Fentanyl
 - Urgent care paramedics have Codeine, Diazepam and Naproxen
 - HEMS paramedics have Oramorph and Ibuprofen

The Trust hopes this response meets your requirements and if you have any queries about the information which has been provided then please contact the Legal Services Department via email at yas.foi@nhs.net. Please remember to quote reference FOI 16510 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review by contacting the Legal Services Department as outlined above. The Trust will only consider requests for internal reviews, which are received within two months of the date of response. This is in line with the Information Commissioner's Office ("ICO") guidance which can be located here: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or internal review, you have a right to appeal to the ICO; further information about how to appeal is available on its website at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>. Please note there is no charge for making an appeal.

Once again, thank you for contacting Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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