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Your Contact: Mr K Cox

Our Ref: 7321

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Dear Matthew Howard,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Thank you for your request which was received on 21st June 2021.

For ease of reference your request is set out below.

I am looking for information regarding the skillsets in place for your EMS clinicians. This information would be regarding:

- Urgent Care Assistants
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians
- EMT 3s
- Newly Qualified Paramedics
- Paramedics
- Clinical Team Leaders
- Locality / Operations Managers

I wish to receive the services 'Drug Matrix' and a full scope of practice for each clinician, including:

- Deployment: Which vehicles each clinician can drive or ride on, e.g. Paramedic DCA, RRV.
- Who they can work with: Which crews need to be inplace.
- e.g. Urgent Care Assistants must work with Paramedic or above.
- Skillset: Skills that clinical role can carry out.
- e.g, Urgent Care Assistant: Primary / Secondary Survey, etc.

Please refer to Appendix 1, attached for information on the Scope of Practice for Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust staff. Please note that the version of the policy information attached is currently in draft form only.

Mae'r Ymddiriedolaeth yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg, ac na fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi

The Trust welcomes correspondence in Welsh or English, and that corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay

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In regards to vehicles, Trust Staff and Trust appointed external organisations, **must** hold a valid DVLA licence that contains the appropriate category leading to entitlement to drive any given vehicle within the Trust. In order to be granted authority to drive, the 'driver' must have received the appropriate level of training or assessment that is specific to that vehicle.

Staff can provide an emergency response in an RRV if they have completed a recognised Ambulance Emergency Response Driving Course. Staff will only be eligible for permanent RRV duties following a minimum period of 12 months in their current post. Newly Qualified Paramedics will only be eligible for RRV duties after a period of 24 months. If a staff member is absent from an RRV role for 12 months or more they will be required to undertake an additional driving assessment in an RRV.

If you would like any further information, or if you would like to discuss the response in order to gain a better understanding of the data being presented, please do not hesitate to contact me by email FOI.amb@wales.nhs.uk.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am required to inform you that if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal in writing to the Trust at the above address or by emailing me at the address above.

I would advise you that if you remain dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone 02920 678400.

Yours sincerely

Keith Cox
Board Secretary