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Dear Mr Antoszczak

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which was received on 7 September 2020. I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested. You asked the following questions, reproduced in **bold** below:

I am a student paramedic currently performing a literature review as part of my dissertation on the use of topical TXA for acute epistaxis.

As part of my background information, I want to find the common practice in trusts throughout England.

## My questions are:

- 1) For patients who present with epistaxis which is not responding to direct compression and other first aid measures such as nasal compression devices like the RhinoPinch(R), do you have any alternative treatments that can be facilitated by pre-hospital care providers in the field? (For example, but not limited to, any topical pharmacological agents or providers qualified to perform nasal packing or nasal cautery pre-hospitally).
- 2) If so, what alternative treatments are available, and what is the necessary training/qualification for the pre-hospital care provider to be able to provide them?

The Trust does not have any other alternative methods available pre-hospital.

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 Consultant Paramedic and is someone not involved with your original request.

If you wish to follow this route, please contact <a href="mailto:audrey.turnbull@neas.nhs.uk">audrey.turnbull@neas.nhs.uk</a> 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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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