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Dear F Dixon

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)-231-2019

Subject: Trainee Paramedics & CPD for Senior Officers

Request: **Date Received:** 16/11/2019
Date of Monitoring: 18/11/2019

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 November 2019 which is detailed below.

Question 1

Could you please provide the figures for current staff who are currently undertaking trainee paramedic positions. What is the schedule for this - such as, are they attending a University, if so where, or is it internal training.

Question 2

When did training commence and when does it finish?

Question 3

What must each candidate do before becoming a paramedic - please provide a description of the hours they must work, how they complete these hours, are they straight from EMT positions?

Question 4

When was the intake for trainee paramedics As part of their training, do they go out on calls with existing A&E crews, as a 3rd man?

Question 5

Can you please also explain how often and has CPD (Continuous Personal/professional Development) being done for senior officers within NIAS, who were paramedics out on the road, and then moved to internal positions and are not practising/hands on experience utilising their paramedic skills on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Question 6

Are there records kept on each individual Are they required, and do they, during staff shortages, work on frontline positions in A&E ambulances - this applies to staff within Training Branch, Station Officers, desk jobs, etc and all staff who went from positions of paramedic to supervisory or training roles.



Your request was received on 16 November 2019 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and if approved you will receive the information requested within the statutory timescale of 20 working days ie 16 December 2019.

Please further note, the Freedom of Information Act only covers recorded information held on computers, emails, handwritten documents etc and does not relate to creating new information or giving an opinion or judgement that is not already recorded. For your information, the Act defines a number of exemptions which may prevent release of the information you have requested.

If any of the exemption categories apply then the information will not be released. You will be informed if this is the case, including your right of appeal.

If the information you request contains reference to a third party then they may be consulted prior to a decision being taken on whether or not to release the information to you. You will also be informed if this is the case.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me 028 9040 0734 to discuss. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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