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Response Due: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. What training is provided at Trust level to ensure safe and holistic care of the patients with spinal cord injury and which group of professionals is the training directed to?**  
Training is cascaded in house among staff. We are guided by Salford with regards to movement for these types of patients. Salford inform Trust Doctors if the patient is to continue to Log Roll and give clinical management for each patient, this is the same with Collar Care.  
Training is offered to HCA band 2-4 and RCN band 5 and 6.
- 2. What training is available at Trust level for the Spinal Manual Handling competencies, for band 2, 3, 4, 5 and above? Who is responsible for the delivery of such training, does it fall under the Manual Handling or the Spinal Unit/Centre remit?**  
Inhouse training is given by one of the Trauma Coordinators and the Clinical educator who works on Aspull ward. The training focuses on Log rolling patients who have spinal injuries and collar care for patients who have cervical injuries. This is for all Staff Grades.
- 3. How are competency achieve and maintained?**  
Achieved via in house training, a register is kept of staff who have received training.

We recognise that there is no specialist training, and the Trust are in the process of looking at ways to improve training.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS.' printed below it.

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