

Date: 26/10/2016

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013058 – Paramedics

1. Do you employ paramedics in A&E? If yes, please confirm how many and in what capacity - The Trust employs 7 paramedics in an emergency care practitioner role

2. Do you employ agency staff in A&E to support ambulance handover - No  
If yes, please confirm clinical grade and in what capacity? - N/A

3. Does your local Ambulance Trusts provide ambulance handover clinicians during peaks in activity - Yes we have one HALO at times of peak pressure

If yes, please confirm which Ambulance Trust supplied, what grades they supplied and when they supplied?

West Midlands Ambulance Service supply the Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer (HALO) -do not know what grade but aware they are senior paramedics. We do not receive a rota for them but are informed when they will be on site and this is generally matched to predicted busy days. If the hospital experiences peaks in demand a HALO can be requested.

4. Please confirm value of penalties incurred by the Trust as a result of delays in ambulance handover since January 2016 - 0