



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/22/1272

This is a FOI request concerning your force's first aid training policies in respect of your Special Constables who are qualified and practicing medical professionals in their paid employment.

- 1) Do you require all Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals to complete your force's full annual first aid training to the College of Policing First Aid Learning Programme standard (FALP) standard, or do any officers currently have an exemption from mandatory first aid training because of other qualifications?**
- 2) If you exempt any Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals from first aid training then please can you tell me what qualifications, job roles or current professional registrations (eg HCPC, NMC, GDC, GMC etc) you grant such exemptions to.**
- 3) If you exempt any Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals from first aid training then please can you tell me if you extend that exemption to qualified Ambulance Technicians who are not registered by the HCPC.**
- 4) If you have a policy covering the exemption of Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals from first aid training then please can I have a copy of that policy.**
- 5) If you exempt any Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals from first aid training then please can you tell me approximately how many officers currently have such an exemption.**
- 6) Do you place limitations on medical procedures that Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals may perform whilst on duty as police officers? For example, would you allow a practising consultant anaesthetist to intubate a patient whilst on duty as a Special Constable, when they are trained and qualified to do so in their paid employment, but that advanced medical procedure is not covered in the mandatory annual FALP training.**
- 7) If you do place limitations on medical procedures that Special Constables who are practicing medical professionals may perform whilst on duty as police officers, then please can you tell me how you communicate this restriction to those officers.**

RESPONSE

- 1) Practicing paramedics are exempt from the annual refresher training.
- 2) As above.
- 3) No.
- 4) No information held. British Transport Police (BTP) does not have a policy covering this.
- 5) In the last 12 months we have had 6 Special Constables who have been exempt due to being registered paramedics. Please note we provide the Emergency First Aid skill for 12 months and they then re-submit so if there are any changes to their status this is captured rather than making them exempt.
- 6) Not previously discussed or considered however this will now be raised. Special Constables (and any other officers) are required to only carry equipment issued by BTP.
- 7) Carriage of equipment is discussed during their initial training.