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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**Following the publication of the Leng Review in July 2025, please provide the following information in relation to Physician Associates (PAs) working within the Trust's Emergency Department.**

[This is not a role we have had or currently have in our Emergency Departments.](#)

- 1) **Have any changes been made to the scope of practice of Physician Associates working in the Emergency Department since July 2025?**
  - a) **If yes, please describe the nature of these changes.**
  - b) **If yes, please indicate the date(s) on which any such changes were implemented.**

[Not applicable.](#)

- 2) **Have any PAs, working in the Emergency Department, been redeployed since July 2025?**
  - a) **If yes, what percentage?**

[Not applicable.](#)

- 3) **Have any PAs, working in the Emergency Department, left the trust since July 2025?**
  - a) **If yes, has the role been refilled by another PA hire?**

[Not applicable.](#)

- 4) **Please provide copies of any updated policies, guidelines, or standard operating procedures relating to the scope of practice of PAs in the Emergency Department.**

[Not applicable.](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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