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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210603.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation private ambulance services.

Please could you provide the following information:

- **the number of private ambulances used to respond to 999 and 111 calls for (a) each month since April 2019, and (b) for each of the last five years.**

Month	Private Ambulance Providers Incidents
Jun-21	2442
May-21	2418
Apr-21	2206
Mar-21	2745
Feb-21	2153
Jan-21	2685
Dec-20	2275
Nov-20	2505
Oct-20	2636
Sep-20	2273
Aug-20	3088
Jul-20	2914
Jun-20	4545
May-20	4768
Apr-20	4904
Mar-20	5581
Feb-20	5532
Jan-20	5535

Dec-19	5190
Nov-19	5146
Oct-19	5326
Sep-19	4442
Aug-19	4785
Jul-19	4430
Jun-19	4259
May-19	4316
Apr-19	4099
Mar-19	4448
Feb-19	3873
Jan-19	4498
Dec-18	4166
Nov-18	4677
Oct-18	4782
Sep-18	4301
Aug-18	4966
Jul-18	5269
Jun-18	5267
May-18	5990
Apr-18	5920
Mar-18	6008
Feb-18	5378
Jan-18	6350
Dec-17	6296
Nov-17	5617
Oct-17	5533
Sep-17	5083
Aug-17	5619
Jul-17	5300
Jun-17	2036
May-17	1648
Apr-17	2259
Mar-17	3073
Feb-17	3044
Jan-17	3577
Dec-16	3800
Nov-16	3877
Oct-16	5340
Sep-16	5500
Aug-16	5645

Jul-16	5286
Jun-16	4835
May-16	4917
Apr-16	4953
Mar-16	5194
Feb-16	4898
Jan-16	4624
Dec-15	5485
Nov-15	4643
Oct-15	5231
Sep-15	4901
Aug-15	5144
Jul-15	4752
Jun-15	4579

Above Data shows incidents with a response where a Private Ambulance Providers (PAP) callsign has been involved.

SECamb attends an average of approximately 58,000 each month.

Details of the published figures are available here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/>

- **the total cost of all contracts with private sector ambulance service providers for each of the last five years**

Values rounded to the nearest £

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Value	£11,176,428	£10,724,602	£9,210,426	£11,183,997	£8,707,213

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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