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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211112.

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

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The value of medicines wastage every year in South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in £.

2. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

Please see below table.

| Question | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
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| a) The value of medicines wastage every year in South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in £. | £159,233.83 | £113,844.55 | £117,677.47 |
| b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. | 20 | 60 | 85 |
| c) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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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