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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220314.

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

In July 2021, NHS England announced £55m of additional funding to improve rising ambulance response times. NHSE said the money would be shared by NHS trusts “based on the number of patients they serve locally”.

They said "A £55 million investment by NHS England and NHS Improvement will provide 700 additional staff in control rooms and on the front line to improve response times. This is alongside £4.4 million to keep an additional 154 ambulances on the road this winter. NHS 111 is recruiting an additional 1,100 staff, alongside a £250 million winter GP capacity fund to avoid unnecessary ambulance calls and visits to A&E."

My questions are:

1. How much of the £55 million extra funding went to SECamb?

SECamb received £5,002,000 from NHS England announced £55m of additional funding in 2021-22

2. How many of the 700 additional staff promised went to SECamb?

The Trust created anticipated 77wte of additional staff to support control rooms and on the front line to improve response times.

3. What did SECamb spend its additional funding on?

SECAmb spent its additional funding on below areas:

Recruitment of 999 call handlers

Expanded capacity through additional crews to be on the road

Additional clinical support in control rooms

Extended hospital ambulance liaison officer (HALO) cover at the most challenged acute trusts

Retention of emergency ambulances to increase the fleet for winter

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

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