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Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 221204.

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

- The number of 999 calls which the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust received in 2018 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
- The number of ambulance dispatches by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2018 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
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- The number of 999 calls which the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust received in 2019 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
- The number of ambulance dispatches by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2019 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
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- The number of 999 calls which the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust received in 2020 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
- The number of ambulance dispatches by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2020 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
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- The number of 999 calls which the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust received in 2021 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
- The number of ambulance dispatches by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2021 in relation to

concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'

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- The number of 999 calls which the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has received in 2022 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'
- The number of ambulance dispatches by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2022 in relation to concerns arising from someone inhaling nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas'

Year	Nitrous Oxide Incidents	Nitrous Oxide Incidents Where an Ambulance was Dispatched
2018	<10	<10
2019	19	11
2020	21	10
2021	11	<10
2022*	32	10

\*2022 is a YTD figure, correct as of 7th December 2022

As a Trust SECamb complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. It applies the 'less than 10 caveat' in instances where resulting data relates to minimal numbers when responding to requests for information.

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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