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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230705.

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

Dear South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust,

1. Would you please list your lowest-level operational areas (i.e. locality / district / borough / cluster).

Dispatch Desk level – there are 14 of these.

Ashford, Brighton, Banstead (Redhill), Chertsey, Dartford, Gatwick, Guildford, Hastings, Medway, Paddock Wood, Polegate, Tangmere, Thanet, Worthing

2. Would you please provide me with information regarding the resource establishment, day and night, for each of those operational areas including; a. Ambulances (and number of which crewed by a Paramedic)

This changes by day of the week and hour of the day and location, sharing this information at a local level would not be possible due to our operational model. All crews commence work at one location but can be deployed anywhere within the footprint of the organisation.

b. Rapid response cars (and number of which crewed by a Paramedic)

We have 20 specialist paramedic vehicles plus varying other multi-purpose Single Response Vehicles (SRVs) that are used for varying functions.

c. Operational Officers

On duty at any one time, we have a range of Operational and Tactical Commanders, with a Strategic Commander overseeing the overall operational delivery across the Trust.

d. Specialist resources (including critical care, cycle response, falls response, joint response, etc.)

The Trust is commissioned to deliver a model of care and has supported the development of specialist roles: Paramedic Practitioners and Critical Care Paramedics. In addition on a national level, the Trust is commissioned to provide two Hazardous Area Response Teams (HART). All other responses are pilots or initiatives at a local level.

Where you do not have a specific establishment for each, would please provide the actual number on 01/07/2023 at 12:00 & 00:00.

The total number of DCAs & SRVs for the whole trust actually on duty at the time/date specified as follows:

1st July midday **206 x DCAs and 21 x SRVs** (excludes operational commanders)

1st July midnight **135 x DCAs and 14 x SRVs** (excludes operational commanders)

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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