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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 240136.

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

**Number of front line Double crewed Ambulances operating within your Ambulance Service**

- 403

**Number of front line Rapid response/fast response Cars excluding officers cars and HART operating within your Ambulance Service**

- 100 *\*total of single responder vehicles (SRVs)\**

**Number of Officer/managers lease (must be lease or hire cars) unmarked emergency vehicles fitted with flashing blue lights, which are made available for private use, that are not chargeable to tax under the car benefit legislation in Chapter 6 of Part 3 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (ITEPA)**

- *Benefit in kind (BIK) Tax legislation has changed and under new legislation all vehicles are subject to BIK tax. Those vehicles with removable blue lights are charged a BIK % based on the cars CO2 emissions and vehicles with non-removable (fixed) blue lights are charged a BIK % of 20% regardless of CO2 emissions.*

*The Trust has*

*29 vehicles in service with removeable blue lights - Taxed based on cars CO2 emissions and at the same rate of Benefit in Kind tax as a car with no blue lights.*

*19 vehicles in service with fixed blue lights - taxed at a higher rate of 20% Benefit in Kind tax which would be higher than someone with the same vehicle without blue lights fitted.*

**Number of support vehicles (excluding hart assets and pool cars) for example vans, welfare vehicles**

- 46

**Oldest front line double crew ambulance in every day use for example 2011 model year**

- 2010

**Highest mileage front line double crewed ambulance in use for example 498,000 miles**

- 557769 miles

**Number of Fiat Ducato conversion front line double crewed ambulances in your fleet**

- 173

**Fuel spend for front line Ambulance work including all vehicles types financial year April 2022 - April 2023**

- £4,519,653.52

**Number of reportable accidents involving front line ambulances (all types) financial year April 2022**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Reportable accidents</i>
<i>April 2022</i>	<i>71</i>
<i>May 2022</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>June 2022</i>	<i>92</i>
<i>July 2022</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>August 2022</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>September 2022</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>October 2022</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>November 2022</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>December 2022</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>January 2023</i>	<i>110</i>
<i>February 2023</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>March 2023</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>April 2023</i>	<i>78</i>

**Number of front line vehicles currently off road due to mechanical defects for more than 7 days month of November 2023**

- We have 14 DCA's currently VOR for more then 7 days for mechanical defects

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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