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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240401. Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Responses are provided below each part request.

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

I am writing to request information on your use of private ambulances, voluntary ambulances and taxis in lieu of ambulances.

Please can you provide a monthly breakdown for July, August, September, October, November and December 2023 showing for each of the three aforementioned services separately:

1. The total cost in £ spent in the given months, including VAT

	Private Ambulance	Voluntary Ambulance	Taxis
JUL-23	£490,142	£0	£0
AUG-23	£491,442	£0	£0
SEP-23	£467,697	£0	£0
OCT-23	£515,497	£0	£0
NOV-23	£473,510	£0	£0
DEC-23	£468,955	£0	£0



2. The total number of times they were used in the given months

	Private Ambulance	Voluntary Ambulance *	Taxis ^
JUL-23	2,736	0	3
AUG-23	2,672	0	1
SEP-23	2,604	0	1
OCT-23	2,857	2	0
NOV-23	2,659	43	0
DEC-23	2,475	40	0

Please note:

* Voluntary ambulances utilised were funded by NHS England during this period.

^ Although taxi journeys were recorded, no corresponding costs have been identified. Our understanding is that these were not utilised at SECAMB expense.

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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