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Dear ,

The Trust is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, thank you. This request has been assigned the internal reference quoted above; please ensure that you quote this number in any future correspondence.

We have now provided a formal response below.

FOI Request

You asked us:

1. **How many patients were diagnosed with Essential Tremor across South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?**
2. **How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred to specialist neurologist services within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?**
3. **How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred for Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?**
4. **How many patients with Essential Tremor received Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?**
5. **How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred for MR-guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?**

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you requested.



- 1 How many patients were diagnosed with Essential Tremor across South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?

Year	Count of incidents
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024	Less than 10
2025	0

Data source: Where essential tremor was recorded as a possible clinical impression on the electronic patient care record (ePCR). Patients with an existing diagnosis of ongoing essential tremor have been excluded. ePCR was gradually introduced between Aug 2019 and May 2020. The requested information is not available prior to this.

* Data blurring at less-than-10: The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 10 individuals or incidents in the period requested, we have not provided exact figures. This practice is known as data blurring, which serves to mitigate against the risk of possible re-identification of individual data subjects via data recombination (sometimes referred to as jigsawing). This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) *Anonymisation Code of Practice*, in relation to Section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000

- 2 How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred to specialist neurologist services within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?
- 3 How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred for Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?
- 4 How many patients with Essential Tremor received Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?
- 5 How many patients with Essential Tremor were referred for MR-guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) treatment within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024, vii) 2025?

The Ambulance Service is not responsible for referrals and ongoing treatment so we are unable to answer questions 2-5.



Next steps

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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