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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

### **FOI Request**

You asked us:

**I wish to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could provide the following information:**

**The number of referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities – such as the police or social services – when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation (sexual, criminal, gang-based grooming) for the years 2010 (or earliest available year of data) – 2024 inclusive.**

**The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).**

**Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.**

**The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.**

### **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

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1/1/24-20/5/25 – 33 Referrals have been made for children under the categories of Child Sexual Exploitation and Modern Slavery. Our system does not have the functionality however to identify other criminal or gang-based grooming concerns as these are not concern categories that we currently record. It is likely that concerns of this type have been raised, but coded under other categories, such as Emotional, Financial or Physical Abuse.

**The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).**

None. As an ambulance service, we do not undertake any case work with our patients or have any ongoing therapeutic relationship. Therefore, we do not conduct any risk assessments other than determining the need for onward referral to an agency who can, such as social services or the police.

**Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.**

The Trust references CSE in its Safeguarding Policy and Procedure and safeguarding training at level 2 and 3. The Trust sits on Safeguarding Children Partnerships across Kent, Surrey and Sussex and contributes to priority areas including CSE. The Trust has a mechanism to place markers on our CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System if we are informed a child is at risk of CSE and may come into contact with the ambulance service.

**The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.**

4,498 members of the workforce have received training on CSE.

### Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: [FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto: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](http://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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