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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.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the long delay in responding to your request. We hope this has not caused you any inconvenience.

FOI Request

You asked us:

Would it be possible to ask you for updated information relating to the number of times that ambulance crews are being called out to prisons please?

I'm particularly focusing on the number of times paramedics are called out to drug related problems or drug overdoses.

**So can I please ask the following for each of the following financial year:
2024-25**

How many times were ambulance staff called out to prisons in your ambulance trust area?

Can you please tell me what the Chief Complaint was based on the initial call?

Can I ask specifically (if available within the cost limit) how many cases related to suspected drugs overdose, or adverse reaction to drugs?

How many times did you convey a prisoner to hospital?



How many times specifically (if available within the cost limit) involved conveying patients to hospital – where the reason was a suspected drugs overdose, or adverse reaction to drugs?

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

Please see attached spreadsheet – Prison Callouts

* 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

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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