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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 would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to incidents involving barbecues (BBQs):

Time Period: January 2022 to the most recent available month in 2025

Breakdown: Ideally by month and by location (city/town or regional)

1. The number of ambulance call-outs due to BBQ-related injuries.

2. Of those, how many involved:

- Burns or fire-related injuries
- Lacerations or wounds caused during BBQs
- Food poisoning attributed to BBQs
- Suspected carbon monoxide poisoning linked to BBQs

If available, please include any notes or context explaining how these cases are recorded.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

The information is provided in the attached workbook document:

FOI 250516 - BBQ Accidents

Please note the Trust has additionally provided incident totals by year, without location specified. This is because the data output produces very small numbers of incidents, when broken down as specified in your request.

* Data blurring at less-than-5: The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 5 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 publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website – www.secamb.nhs.uk.

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

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](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (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**