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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:

**Your driving licence policy does not detail the procedure for new applicants entering the service. Policies seem to state that 3 points is the maximum at the time of applying.**

**However, please provide the following information:**

**“If a new applicant for a driving position has previously been previously banned for the statutory period of 6 months under totting up for minor speeding offences, but now has the ‘slate wiped clean’, and therefore has no points is this acceptable?**

**The endorsements remain until spent however - so are these taken into account or is it just ‘active points’?**

### **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

All entries on a DVLA licence summary are taken into account as part of our compliance requirements, including totting up offences. This is to ensure the safety of our colleagues and patients is maintained. Whilst the 3-points maximum at the time of applying is used to reject applicants, should a totting up offence be found either via the DVLA report or as part of our DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks then this would be reviewed in line with our DBS and Driving Standards policies.

Trust policies are published on our website and can be reviewed at the following link:  
<https://www.secamb.nhs.uk/trust-policies-procedures/>



## Next steps

We publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website – [www.secamb.nhs.uk](http://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](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](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](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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