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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:

**We are interested in the clinical management plan our CCP team has for intubating patients within the first ten minutes after a Return of Spontaneous Circulation has been gained. This came into effect in December 2022.**

**Please could I have a figure for how many times since January 2023 a patient has received an endotracheal tube from a CCP post ROSC (not counting ROSC then rearrest)? By which I mean, how many patients with a palpable pulse has received an ET tube from a CCP since the launch of this protocol?**

### **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms that this specific information is held only as part of individual patients' records of care, with no mechanism available to process this into an easily retrievable format.

To identify and verify the number of post-ROSC intubations, each relevant individual clinical record for the period in question would need to be manually reviewed. Given the volume of records involved, this would require a substantial diversion of resource and exceed the appropriate limit set out under Section 12 of the FOIA; Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Our current estimate to extract this information for the request period would exceed the appropriate cost (time) limit of 18 hours, by a factor of at least 10 times. As such, we are not obliged to comply with the request in its current form.

Since January 2025, our audit team has been developing an airway registry that may, in future, support more robust reporting of such clinical events. However, the dataset



for this specific field is still in its early stages and currently lacks the reliability and completeness required to provide an accurate response.

The Trust remains committed to transparency and the continuous improvement of our clinical data systems. If you would like to refine your request – for example, by narrowing the timeframe or focusing on a different aspect of airway interventions – we would be happy to consider this within the FOIA framework.

### **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**