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Internal Ref: 250959  
Email:

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 am contacting you with a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to the number of A&E admissions at your NHS Trust, where ketamine has been recorded.**

**1. In the last 5 years, how many A&E admissions have there been where 'ketamine' has been recorded (either in patient notes or free text field 'reason for visit'). Please provide the information for the following years:**

- A) 2025**
- B) 2024**
- C) 2023**
- D) 2022**
- C) 2021**

**2. Please also provide age breakdown of these figures, including under 16s, for example: 0-5, 5-10, 11-16, 17-22, 23-30 etc**

**I'm aware that because ketamine is classified as a dissociative anaesthetic, it therefore falls under the general code 'poisoning by anaesthesia' and 'ketamine' is not always specifically recorded. However, in reference to the Section 16 obligations of the Act, please provide advice and assistance as to how such information can be obtained.**



## **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

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Please see attached Excel Spreadsheet

## **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**