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Internal Ref: 251112
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:

Please can the below request be treated as a Freedom of Information request.

Please can you kindly provide the following information for your trust broken down per year for the last 5 years.

- 1. Please confirm the number of ambulances acquired by the trust split into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles.**
- 2. Please can you confirm if you have a Length of Life policy on your front-line vehicles broken down into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles.**
- 3. Please confirm how you determine the end of life of vehicles when removing from service.**
- 4. Please confirm the job title of the person who is responsible for the acquisition of new vehicles.**
- 5. Broken down into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles, please confirm the number of vehicles anticipated to be acquired in 2026.**

Formal Response



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Chair: Michael Whitehouse CEO: Simon Weldon

The Trust confirms it holds / confirms it holds part of / does not hold the information you have requested.

Please can you kindly provide the following information for your trust broken down per year for the last 5 years.

1. **Please confirm the number of ambulances acquired by the trust split into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles.**
 - a. South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust currently has 408 ambulances - blue light emergency vehicles
 - b. South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust currently has zero emergency patient transport vehicles as we do not provide this service.
2. **Please can you confirm if you have a Length of Life policy on your front-line vehicles broken down into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles.**
 - a. South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has a length of life policy for front line vehicles as follows:

Blue Light emergency Vehicles	
Make / Model & Role	Years
Mercedes Sprinter Double Crewed Ambulances	7 Years
Fiat Ducato Double Crewed Ambulances	5 Years
Skoda Kodiaq Single Response vehicles	5 Years
Mercedes Vito Single Response Vehicle	5 Years
Mercedes eVito Single Response Vehicle	5 Years
Non-Emergency Patient Transport Vehicles.	
Patient Transport	N/A

3. **Please confirm how you determine the end of life of vehicles when removing from service.**
 - a. Vehicles end of life is determined by either its age, lease expiry or mechanical / general condition if involved in any form of RTC
4. **Please confirm the job title of the person who is responsible for the acquisition of new vehicles.**
 - a. The Head of Fleet is responsible for writing business cases for both new and replacement vehicles to be submitted to the exec team for approval in capital financial planning rounds.
5. **Broken down into blue light emergency vehicles and non-emergency patient transport vehicles, please confirm the number of vehicles anticipated to be acquired in 2026.**



- a. This is estimated to be around 70 blue light emergency vehicles and zero non - emergency Patient Transport Vehicles.

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

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](https://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**



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