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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:

Do you provide the service of fascia iliaca compartment blocks within the emergency setting for patients over 65 years old. If so, do you have any data on the percentage of patients that have been given this service and what training was involved so that paramedics can provide this medical intervention. If not do you have any plans to introduce this medical procedure.
What percentage of men to women did your service attend for Neck Of Femur Fractures in 2023/2024
What pain relief is used within your area in the emergency setting for a Fractured Neck of femur.

Formal Response

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

Do you provide the service of fascia iliac compartment blocks within the emergency setting for patients over 65 years old.

- Not currently.

If so, do you have any data on the percentage of patients that have been given this service and what training was involved so that paramedics can provide this medical intervention.

- NA.

If not do you have any plans to introduce this medical procedure.



- We are actively working with one of our regional acute hospital trusts exploring FIB/FICB as part of an integrated hip pain pathway. There is no go live date agreed yet.

What percentage of men to women did your service attend for Neck Of Femur Fractures in 2023/2024

- Data Sampling: 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 Total Incidents, with a primary code as "Fracture of neck of femur, M18": 2,835 incidents.

Row Labels	Count of Gender	Percentage
Female	2021	71.4
Male	804	28.4
Unknown	7	0.2
Grand Total	2832	100

What pain relief is used within your area in the emergency setting for a Fractured Neck of femur.

- We use a wide range of parenteral and non-parenteral options for multi-model pain relief. We have deemphasised the use of opioids in older, frail, or otherwise opioid naïve patients as we have been informed by acute hospitals that patients are sometimes delayed to surgery due to opioid use. Depending on clinical grade, staff can give oral analgesia, Pentrox, IV paracetamol, or Morphine (where necessary). Where pain is intractable within standard practice, a Critical Care Paramedic may be called to assist as they have a wider analgesia formulary.

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](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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