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Internal Ref: 251219
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.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

FOI Request

YOUR ORIGINAL REQUEST:

I'd like to submit a freedom of information request regarding out of hospital cardiac arrests please.

I would like to know which areas in Kent had the largest number of confirmed cardiac arrest calls please. By confirmed calls I mean genuine cardiac arrests not hoax calls or calls where this was said to get a quicker response. I am not interested in any patient information just areas, such as Thanet, Canterbury, Ashford etc
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Formal Response

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Date range: 01/10/2024 - 30/09/2025

Count of incidents with cardiac arrest indicated on the electronic patient clinical record.

Local Authority	COUNT OF INCIDENTS
Medway	420
Thanet	283
Maidstone	253
Canterbury	245
Swale	240
Dover	206
Shepway	204
Dartford	180
Gravesham	179
Sevenoaks	171
Ashford	167
Tunbridge Wells	162
Tonbridge and Malling	148
Not recorded	45

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://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/our-approach-to-regulation/complaints/) (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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