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Internal Ref: 251233
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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.

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

FOI Request

You asked us:

Please could you provide a summary of your policy / decision tool on who within the organisation operating a lease vehicle is eligible for blue light vehicles.

Can you provide data on how often officers / managers operating blue light vehicles are deployed as the initial primary response to C1 incidents in a clinical capacity over the past 18 months.

Can You provide data on how many times an officer / manager responding using a blue light lease vehicle was the initial resource on scene at a C1 call creating the 'clock stop' per ARP in the last 18 months.



Formal Response

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

Please could you provide a summary of your policy / decision tool on who within the organisation operating a lease vehicle is eligible for blue light vehicles.

Eligibility is role-based, not grade-based. Only colleagues whose duties require on-call or command-level emergency response are eligible.

Our policy specifies the following eligible roles:

- Strategic Commanders (on-call)
- Tactical Commanders (Field Operations) – on-call
- Tactical Advisors / NILO – on-call
- Tactical Medical Advisors – on-call

Can you provide date on how often officers / managers operating blue light vehicles are deployed as the initial primary response to C1 incidents in a clinical capacity over the past 18 months.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request if we estimate that the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit.

The limit is set by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and is currently £450, which equates to 18 hours of staff time.

After reviewing your request, we have determined that fulfilling it would exceed this limit. Therefore, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Act.



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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**