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Internal Ref: 260127
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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 (or the most recent data available), please provide:

1. The total number of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests attended by your ambulance service.
2. The number of these incidents where a mechanical CPR device was used.
3. The number of out-of-hospital ROSC cases:
 - where manual CPR only was used, and
 - where a mechanical CPR device was used at any point.
4. Whether all double-crewed ambulances are routinely equipped with a mechanical CPR device (yes/no).
5. The total amount spent by the Trust on mechanical CPR devices during this period (one total figure).

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, please provide the information that can be released within the limit.

I would prefer the response in electronic format.

Formal Response



Saving Lives,
Serving Our Communities

Chair: Michael Whitehouse CEO: Simon Weldon

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7177 (Of these, 2794 were resuscitation attempts).

- 2. The number of these incidents where a mechanical CPR device was used.**

472

- 3. The number of out-of-hospital ROSC cases:**
 - **where manual CPR only was used, and**
 - **where a mechanical CPR device was used at any point.**

Manual CPR only: 1024

Mechanical CPR device use: 178

- 4. Whether all double-crewed ambulances are routinely equipped with a mechanical CPR device (yes/no).**

No, Mechanical CPR devices (such as the LUCAS device) are not standard equipment on Double-Crewed Ambulances (DCAs). LUCAS devices are carried by Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) units, which are specialist resources with enhanced clinical capabilities which are targeted to attend cardiac arrest patients. Suitable cardiac arrest patients who are transported to hospital with resuscitation ongoing have access to mechanical CPR devices for the DCA via the CCP attending.

5. The total amount spent by the Trust on mechanical CPR devices during this period (one total figure).

We haven't purchased any new devices during this period.

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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**