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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 & FOI Response

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2019 to the most recent available year:

A. Cocaine-related incidents

- 1. The number of ambulance incidents where attending staff recorded:**
 - Suspected cocaine use as the primary factor, or
 - Suspected drug poisoning where cocaine was noted as a contributing substance.
- 2. Of these incidents, how many resulted in:**
 - Transport to hospital
 - Death at scene (if recorded)

B. Naloxone administration

- 3. The total number of incidents where naloxone was administered.**
- 4. Of those naloxone incidents, how many were also coded as involving:**
 - Suspected cocaine use, or
 - Suspected stimulant use, or
 - Polysubstance overdose.
- 5. How many naloxone incidents involved more than one dose being given.**
- 6. How many naloxone incidents resulted in transport to hospital.**

C. Coding and data quality

- 7. Please provide a brief description of the coding categories or systems used to record suspected drug involvement and naloxone use.**



Please provide the data broken down by year. If available at minimal cost, please also include breakdowns by age group and sex. If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, please advise how it may be refined.

Please see attached Excel Spreadsheet

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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