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Internal Reference: 260321
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 06/03/2026.
We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.

Your Request

Please can you confirm:

1 - For years :

2024/25

2023/24

2022/23

2021/22

2020/21

2019/20

How many patient safety incidents met the requirements for the statutory duty of candour?

ANSWER: a number - eg. **10... for each of the 6 years requested.**

2 - Across your surgical teams, do you have any surgeons that are currently internally suspended from carrying out their duties at your Trust?

ANSWER: **yes** OR **no**

If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did you inform the GMC or is it an internal matter?

ANSWER: **GMC involved** OR **handled internally**



If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did the RCS provide a report/advice/support in any capacity.

ANSWER: **yes** OR **no**

Formal Response

1) Please see the table below:

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Apr	13	8	12	14	12	8
May	16	11	7	14	6	13
Jun	9	6	7	3	3	6
Jul	24	12	22	6	5	7
Aug	11	3	13	15	11	6
Sep	12	4	10	10	8	5
Oct	6	8	10	22	11	9
Nov	13	11	11	4	4	3
Dec	14	8	8	5	4	11
Jan	10	19	10	8	9	15
Feb	14	18	11	5	6	13
Mar	3	5	7	4	12	9
total	145	113	128	110	91	105

2) This question is not applicable to The Trust because we do not have any surgeons employed.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk



The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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