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Internal Reference: 260323
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Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **08/03/2026**. 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

For each of the following calendar years respectively 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021

How many acts of vandalism on ambulance vehicles and rapid response vehicles have been recorded?

Can you please list details of these examples?

How much was the total cost each year in repairs to damage caused by acts of vandalism?

Were any of your vehicles off the road for repairs and how long were they unavailable for use?

Were any members of staff injured during acts of vandalism towards your vehicles – and if so please least any details you are able to?



Formal Response

The Trust does **not hold the information requested** in a format that would allow us to identify or report on acts of vandalism to ambulance vehicles or rapid response vehicles for the calendar years 2021 to 2025.

The Trust does not maintain a separate or specific recording category for “vandalism” to vehicles. Damage to Trust vehicles is recorded within broader incident and fleet reporting systems and may include, for example:

- collisions involving third-party vehicles or property
- accidental damage
- contact with stationary objects or road furniture

These systems do not reliably distinguish damage caused by deliberate acts of vandalism from other forms of vehicle damage. As a result, the Trust is unable to:

- confirm the number of vandalism incidents per year
- provide details of individual vandalism incidents
- identify repair costs attributable solely to vandalism
- confirm vehicle downtime linked specifically to vandalism
- identify staff injuries arising specifically from vandalism incidents

To determine this information would require the Trust to manually review individual incident and fleet records and make subjective judgements about causation. This would constitute the creation of new information, which the Trust is not required to do under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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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