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Internal Reference: 260335  
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **18/03/2026**. 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

I am seeking information relating to ambulance responses to suspected drug overdoses at construction sites within your service area.

Time period requested:  
1 January 2022 – present (**or the most recent date available**)

If possible, could you please provide anonymised data relating to ambulance incidents where either:

- Naloxone was administered by ambulance clinicians, or
- The clinical impression / incident coding indicated suspected drug overdose or poisoning.

*For the incidents meeting the above criteria, I request the following fields where they are available:*

- Incident date (month and year is sufficient if exact dates cannot be released)
- Incident location type / premises classification
- Postcode district (e.g. SW1, M15) or other **non-identifiable** location indicator



- Whether naloxone was administered (Yes / No)
- Dispatch code or chief complaint category
- Final clinical impression category
- Patient outcome (e.g. treated on scene, transported to hospital)

If it is possible to filter incidents where the location type was recorded as **construction site, building site**, industrial site, or similar categories, I would be grateful if those incidents could be identified.

If the above cannot be provided as a dataset, aggregated figures would also be acceptable, for example:

- Total number of ambulance incidents where naloxone was administered
- Number of those incidents where the location type was recorded as construction site, industrial site, or building site

### Formal Response

Please refer to the enclosed spreadsheet.

The details provided are for all incidents where one of the following criteria were present on the electronic patient clinical record:

- Naloxone administered
- Condition code of intentional drug overdose
- Condition code of intentional self-poisoning

The Trust does not utilise a distinct coding category for construction sites, industrial sites, or building sites. Furthermore, the Trust recognises that the combination of specific medication administration, postcode, clinical impression, and month presents a heightened risk of patient identifiability. Such data combinations are acknowledged as high risk, particularly in postcode districts with smaller populations. Accordingly, the enclosed response restricts disclosure to monthly counts only and omits clinical impression data, thereby mitigating the potential for patient identification. This approach safeguards the anonymity of individuals in areas with limited population sizes whilst still providing information on the frequency of medication administration in larger districts. As a result, any single event has been reported as fewer than five, and all clinical impression data has been excluded.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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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