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Internal Reference: 260344
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Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **23/03/2026**. 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 the last five calendar years (or the most recent five-year period for which data is available):

1. The number of incidents attended by your service where the presenting problem or clinical impression related to a ring stuck on a finger (for example, “ring entrapment”, “ring stuck”, “finger swelling due to ring”, or similar).
2. For the incidents identified in Question 1, please provide a breakdown by:
 - Sex of the patient (male / female / other / unknown).
 - Age group of the patient (for example: 0–9, 10–19, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70+), or whatever age-banding you use in your reporting.

If the above requires a keyword search of call notes or patient records, please use any reasonable set of keywords you consider appropriate to capture cases of rings stuck on fingers and briefly describe the method used.

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, please advise how I may refine or reduce it (for example, by limiting the time period or simplifying the breakdowns) to stay within the appropriate limit.



Formal Response

- Please refer to the table below for the number of incidents attended by your service where the presenting problem or clinical impression related to a ring stuck on a finger (for example, “ring entrapment”, “ring stuck”, “finger swelling due to ring”, or similar):

Year	Ambulance Callouts
2020	9
2021	5
2022	5
2023	9
2024	5
2025	9

- Please refer to the table below for the incidents identified in Question 1 with the breakdown of:
 - Sex of the patient (male / female / other / unknown).
 - Age group of the patient (for example: 0–9, 10–19, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70+), or whatever age banding you use in your reporting.

Year	Age Range	Patient Gender	Ambulance Callouts
2020	51-60	F	2
2020	71-80	F	2
2020	81-90	F	1
2020	81-90	M	1
2020	81-90	U	1
2020	91-100	F	2
2021	11-20	F	1
2021	11-20	U	1
2021	31-40	F	1
2021	81-90	F	1
2021	Unknown	F	1
2022	31-40	F	1
2022	51-60	M	1
2022	71-80	F	1
2022	81-90	F	2
2023	11-20	M	2
2023	21-30	F	1
2023	51-60	M	1
2023	61-70	F	1
2023	61-70	M	2
2023	81-90	F	2



2024	61-70	M	2
2024	71-80	F	1
2024	71-80	M	1
2024	81-90	F	1
2025	100+	F	1
2025	61-70	M	1
2025	71-80	F	1
2025	71-80	M	1
2025	71-80	U	1
2025	81-90	F	2
2025	91-100	F	2

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,

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