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Internal Reference: 260414
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **10/04/2026**.
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

Can you provide information on the use of Specialist & Advanced Paramedics (both critical care and urgent or primary care) in SECAMB.

- How many of each type are employed by the Trust?
- What stations do each type operate out of and what areas do they cover?
- How many of each type are available at any given time?
- Do they provide a 24hr service?

Formal Response

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SECamb employs 140 whole time equivalent (WTE) Advanced Paramedic Practitioners and 85 WTE Critical Care Paramedics (CCP).

- What stations do each type operate out of and what areas do they cover?



Both Advanced Paramedic Practitioners and Critical Care Paramedics are based at Trust Make Ready Centres, providing coverage across their designated geographical areas and operating across the wider SECamb region.

- How many of each type are available at any given time?

When fully staffed, there are 10 Critical Care Paramedics deployed on Single Response Vehicles, alongside two CCPs providing 24/7 coverage on the Critical Care Desks which are based in the two Emergency Operations Centres.

- Do they provide a 24hr service?

Yes. Critical care operates as a 24-hour service. Urgent care frontline cover runs from 06:00 to 02:00, while urgent care hubs based across the patch provide 24/7 support.

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
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