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Internal Reference: 260501
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **01/05/2026**.
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 and our Formal Response

- 1) Please disclose if the trust holds a central record of all trust patient deaths that have been reported to the coroner, under any of the reportable categories required by law.

The Trust does not maintain a central record of patient deaths reported to H M Coroner. Such reports are on individual patient inquest files rather than in a central record. It is not possible to collate or count them.

- 2) If so, please indicate when this central record was started, and whether this data is held in digital form.

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- 3) If the trust holds this central data and can disclose the data within FOIA cost limits, please disclose the number of trust patient deaths reported by the trust to the coroner in each of the following years



2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025

where there was concern that the trust patient deaths fell, or possibly fell, into any of the reportable categories required by law.

If the trust only holds partial central data, please disclose whatever is available.

Please also give the total number of trust patient deaths reported to the coroner in the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2025 (or whatever period is available).

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- 4) Please disclose if since the trust became subject to the NHS Learning from Deaths programme in July 2019, it has set out a procedure and guidance for trust staff on liaising with bereaved families with respect to coroners' inquests? If so, please disclose this material.

The Trust publishes its Learning from Deaths policy on its website. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (information accessible by other means).

You can access the policy via the [Trust's website](#).

- 5) Please disclose a copy of the trust's Learning from Deaths policy document.

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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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