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Internal Reference: 260601
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Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **29/05/2026**.
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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding ketamine-related ambulance incidents attended by the Trust.

Please provide, for each calendar year from 2021 to 2025:

- The total number of ambulance incidents, callouts or attendances where ketamine was recorded, referenced or suspected.
- Any available breakdown by age group.
- Any available breakdown by local authority area or county within the Trust's coverage area.

Formal Response

For the total number of ambulance incidents, callouts or attendances where ketamine was recorded, referenced or suspected breakdown by age group, please refer to the table below:



Age Group	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0-5	<5	<5	7	16	11
6-10	<5	7	6	6	14
11-16	9	22	38	45	59
17-22	83	84	148	193	225
23-30	80	80	140	174	220
31-40	38	71	90	109	140
41-50	46	35	33	43	78
50+	123	155	124	152	163
Unknown	52	77	63	39	41
Total	437	535	649	777	951

For the total number of ambulance incidents, callouts or attendances where ketamine was recorded, referenced or suspected breakdown by local authority area or county within the Trust's coverage area, please refer to the table below:

Local Authority	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adur	7	6	10	10	<5
Arun	10	9	13	15	31
Ashford	6	11	10	7	19
Bexley	<5	<5			
Bracknell Forest					<5
Brighton and Hove	56	80	83	117	150
Canterbury	22	29	48	47	44
Chichester	9	15	11	13	18
Conwy				<5	
Crawley	<5	12	13	11	25
Croydon					<5
Dartford	19	7	20	29	25
Dover	12	12	19	15	28
Eastbourne	8	10	9	12	22
Elmbridge	13	16	15	17	16
Epsom and Ewell	<5	5	5	10	<5
Gravesham	7	5	13	16	18
Guildford	15	18	15	20	31
Hart	5	<5	5	8	7
Hastings	8	16	18	16	20
Havering				<5	
Hillingdon			<5		
Horsham	10	15	14	17	31
Hounslow		<5			
Kingston upon Thames				<5	
Lewes	7	8	8	15	13
Maidstone	13	14	15	31	26
Medway	35	29	23	27	36
Mid Sussex	7	13	13	13	17





Mole Valley	10	9	9	9	14
Not recorded	<5	6	14	21	30
Portsmouth			<5		
Reigate and Banstead	8	17	12	14	14
Rother	7	11	<5	7	16
Runnymede	12	10	8	10	25
Rushmoor	<5	7	13	16	17
Sevenoaks	9	9	19	14	18
Shepway	9	7	21	19	18
Southwark					1
Spelthorne	8	11	16	17	30
Surrey Heath	9	7	15	14	<5
Sutton		<5			
Swale	13	19	21	19	22
Tandridge	5	<5	7	7	12
Thanet	20	15	25	36	35
Tonbridge and Malling	10	14	23	11	15
Tunbridge Wells	8	12	17	20	16
Waverley	7	6	13	17	17
Wealden	11	12	10	19	20
Woking	<5	12	7	15	23
Worthing	6	11	14	23	21
Total	437	535	649	777	951

Date range: 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2025

The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 5 individuals (<5) or incidents in the period requested, we have not provided exact figures. This practice is known as data blurring, which serves to mitigate against the risk of possible re-identification of individual data subjects via data recombination (sometimes referred to as jigsawing). This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Anonymisation Code of Practice.

Count of Ketamine Related Incidents: The number of incidents where a resource arrived on scene and 'Ketamine' was mentioned in the call notes.

Please note that Ketamine being mentioned in call notes does not necessarily indicate that Ketamine was the cause of the call as this could be related to the treatment provided or in reference to the surrounding situation of the call amongst factors.

Data has been broken down by County and Age Group separately as most counts were under 5 when combined and so raises information governance issues.



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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