South East Coast Ambulance Service
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Internal Reference: 260758
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **29/07/2026**.
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

The purpose of this request is to gather data on ambulance callouts for complications due to weight-loss-related surgeries.

Required information

I am seeking anonymised data on the following for each of the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and partial data for 2026 (up to 30 June 2026) if available.

If data is instead held by financial years (i.e. 2021-2022), I confirm that I am happy for the data to be provided in this format instead.

1. Where held in a searchable electronic format, please provide the number of ambulance callouts between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2026 to premises where the recorded incident location name contains the following keywords:

a. Sleeve gastrectomy
a. Gastric bypass
a. Abdominoplasty
a. Mastopexy
a. Mammoplasty

a. Liposuction

2. For each callout, please provide the date of the incident and the primary recorded reason for the callout (e.g. loss of consciousness, chest pain, infection, major trauma, etc.).

Formal Response

The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 5 individuals 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.

Please refer to the enclosed Spreadsheet.

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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