



Trust Headquarters
Nexus House
4 Gatwick Road
Crawley
West Sussex
RH10 9BG

Tel: 0300 123 0999
www.secamb.nhs.uk

25 August 2026
Internal Reference: 260809
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **06/08/2026**.
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

From 2020 until your most recent data:

0. The number of ambulance incidents, emergency calls, or patient contacts where the presenting complaint, incident notes, dispatch codes or clinical records identified:
 - o An allergic reaction resulting from jewellery;
 - o A suspected metal allergy linked to jewellery;
 - o Contact dermatitis or skin reactions attributed to jewellery; or
 - o Anaphylaxis or severe allergic reactions where jewellery was recorded as the likely cause.
1. Any breakdown available by:
 - o Financial year
 - o Age group
 - o Sex
 - o Incident outcome (e.g. treated at scene, conveyed to hospital, referred elsewhere).
2. Details of the most common jewellery types involved where such information is recorded (for example earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets, body piercings or watches).



Where information is not coded specifically as "jewellery-related", please search free-text incident descriptions or any equivalent fields where it would be reasonable to do so within the cost limits of the Act.

If the requested information is not held in the exact format described, I would be grateful for any comparable data that identifies allergic reactions linked to jewellery.

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.

Date range: 01/04/2020 - 31/04/2026

Count of Ambulance Callouts: The total; count of incidents where the condition ID was '63' - 'Allergic Reaction', 'Jewellery' was referenced in either the call notes or the clinical records and an Ambulance was dispatched.

ST: See and Treat

SC: See and Convey

Please refer to the table below:

Financial Year	Age Range	Patient Gender	Count of Ambulance Callouts	Incident Outcome
2020/21	41-50	F	Less Than 5	SC
2020/21	71-80	F	Less Than 5	SC
2023/24	51-60	F	Less Than 5	ST
2024/25	0-10	F	Less Than 5	ST

In relation to your request for details of the most common jewellery types involved, where this information is recorded, the Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format.

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

