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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/33.

You requested the following information:

**How many items were stolen from ambulances in Kent in the last three years? I would like data presented annually for the calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014.**

Our information is recorded in financial year order and I can confirm that there were no reported thefts from an ambulance in Kent for the financial year 2011/2012.

One personal bag (SECamb employee) was reported as stolen in 2012/2013.

One personal bag (SECamb employee) and one primary response bag were stolen in 2013/2014 however these were later recovered.

The items reported as being stolen from April 2014 to date from ambulances in Kent are as follows:

One primary response bag  
One staff members purse  
2 personal bags (SECamb employees).

**How many items were stolen from ambulances in the South East Coast Ambulance Service in the last three years? I would like data presented annually for the calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014.**

I can confirm that during the financial years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 there were no incidents of theft reported via the Trusts incident reporting system whilst our ambulances were away from their base station. During the financial year 2013/2014 year there were 5 incidents of theft reported via the Trusts incident reporting system for ambulances in the whole of the SECamb area.. The stolen items were as follows:

1 bag of personal items and a service fuel card  
11 Catalytic converters stolen following break in to the ambulances

1 personal food bag, also containing keys to an ambulance, mobile phone, medication, sunglasses & a diary

2 complete exhaust systems including DPF units (part of catalytic converter) from 2 ambulances

**From April 2014 to date I can confirm that the following items were reported as being stolen from ambulances in the SECAMB area:**

An airwaves radio  
One staff members purse  
One primary response bag  
2 personal bags (SECAMB employees)  
One handbag containing house and car keys  
Cannulas, syringes, needles, primary response bag, oxygen cylinder, masks, observation kit

Each line references one reported incident of theft from the ambulances.

**I would also like to know what exactly items were stolen from ambulances in relation to the previous question(s) as well as the estimated cost of replacement.**

Please see the information detailed above.

We are unable to provide details of the value of the stolen items as this information is not held by the Trust.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust's (SECAMB) Internal Review Procedure at:

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
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Should you remain unhappy with the outcome of any such internal review , you may request a decision from the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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