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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/34.

You requested the following information:

Has a settlement ever been made by the NHSLA to patient where your ambulance trust has been the main defendant in the action and the settlement to the patient or their family was in excess of £1million?

There has been one case within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

For each such case please provide me with a three sentence summary of the nature of the negligence that was made against the ambulance trust, the injuries/illness suffered by the patient as a result of that negligence and why it was felt that the Trust was negligent in its duty of care. Please note that to ensure S.40 of the Freedom of Information Act is NOT breached I do not require the sex of the patient, the date the incident occurred or the geographical region.

An epileptic patient fell from bed during a fit. The patient's spine was not immobilised during the transfer to hospital, the Trust agreed that this was a Breach of Duty. The degree of paralysis suffered by the patient is more severe than it would have been, had the injury been managed appropriately.

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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Email: complaints@secamb.nhs.uk

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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