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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/25.

You requested the following information:

**In the past three years how many service owned vehicles have been involved in a collision?  
For each incident please tell me:**

**\* What vehicles/objects were also involved in the collision?**

**\* What was the cause of the collision?**

Please see attached a spreadsheet showing the number of road traffic collisions our vehicles have been involved in for the period from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 by calendar year. This spreadsheet shows the accident date, accident type, impact type, collision type, type of vehicle involved, speed of our vehicle in miles per hour, speed of third party vehicle in miles per hour and whether our vehicle was a write off. The column marked 'Collision Type Text' shows whether a third party (TP) vehicle was involved or whether our vehicle has collided with something else either moving or stationary. This list contains all reported collisions (as staff are required to do) including very minor incidents causing minimum vehicle damage. The figures on the spreadsheet should be seen in the context of the number of miles travelled by our vehicles in the whole of the SECamb (South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) area which covers Kent, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire. Please see the table below showing the mileage for all the vehicles responding to incidents in the SECamb area.

Financial year	Total mileage
2011/2012	16,810,352
2012/2013	17,448,967
2013/2014	17,859,785

**\* Was any employee or anyone else (members of the public) injured in the collision? If so, what injuries?**

We do not hold this information in a reportable format. I regret to advise that we cannot provide the information as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually searching through each accident report of which there are over 1900 as listed on the attached spreadsheet. This would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set down in the guidance on the application of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees).

**\* Was the service owned vehicle written off?**

This is indicated on the attached spreadsheet.

**\* Following the crash, was an investigation conducted and who by (internal or external)? If so, what was the conclusion?**

Every collision is investigated by the driver's manager however these are not held in a reportable format. If a collision is investigated externally we are not always informed.

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  
40-42 Friars Walk  
Lewes  
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Email: [complaints@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto: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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