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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/18.

You requested the following information:

**I am writing to request information on the amount of stress related leave taken by paramedics at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in the last three years. Please include the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act (2000):**

**1) The total amount of days which have been taken off work by paramedics due to stress-related illnesses in the last three years. Details should be broken down by year.**

Please see the table below which shows the information for this question. The figures are based on all A & E frontline staff, not just paramedics.

**2) The number of paramedics who have taken time off work due to stress-related illnesses in the last three years. Details should be broken down by year.**

Please see the table below which shows the information for this question. The figures are based on all A & E frontline staff, not just paramedics.

**3) The longest period of time off due to stress-related illnesses - each for the last three years.**

	A&E Staff sickness due to sickness reason: S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses		
	Full Time Equivalent days lost	Number of Staff absent	Longest period of absence
2012	4405.31	136	314
2013	5289.67	168	196

2014	5408.83	154	322
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**4) The total number of paramedics working for your Ambulance Trust. Details should be broken down by year for the last three years.**

Please see the table below which shows the information for this question.

**5) The total amount of paramedics who resigned from their job over the last three years. Details should be broken up by year.**

Please see the table below which shows the number of A & E staff who resigned during each year.

	Number of A&E staff (FTE) at 31 December	Number of A&E staff leavers* during the year (FTE)
2012	1703.76	90.64
2013	1780.85	100.75
2014	1881.61	167.14

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  
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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  
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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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