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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/1501/35.

You requested the following information:

1) Name of your Trust?

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Please provide your most recent available figures for:

2) Total number of directly employed emergency front line staff/paramedics? (Please breakdown by category eg Senior Paramedic, Paramedic, Ambulance Technician etc)

Please see the table below which shows the number of staff in frontline roles. These figures are based on Full Time Equivalent numbers.

Role	Full Time Equivalent
Critical Care Paramedics	39.21
Paramedic Practitioners	93.15
Clinical Team Leaders including PPs/ SPPs	193.86
Paramedics including SPPs and SCCPs	649.83
Qualified Technicians including SPs	551.03
Emergency Care Support	348.37

Workers including SPs	
Total A&E Staff	1875.45

Key:

SPPs- Student Paramedic Practitioners

SCCPs- Student Critical Care Paramedics

SPs- Student Paramedics

3) Total number of vacancies for emergency front line staff/paramedics? (Please breakdown by category eg Senior Paramedic, Paramedic, Ambulance Technician etc)

We operate a rolling recruitment programme throughout the year and are working closely with our universities and in developing our own staff to address a national shortage of paramedics.

Please see the table below which shows the vacancies for 2014/2015.

Role	Full Time Equivalent	Vacancies	Vacancy rate
Critical Care Paramedics	39.21	0	0
Paramedic Practitioners	93.15	0	0
Clinical Team Leaders including PPs/ SPPs	193.86	18	9.28%
Paramedics including SPPs and SCCPs	649.83	57	8.77%
Qualified Technicians including SPs	551.03	0	0
Emergency Care Support Workers including SPs	348.37	27	7.75%
Total A & E staff	1875.45	102	5.43%

4) The vacancy rate as a percentage for emergency front line staff/paramedics? (Please breakdown by category eg Senior Paramedic, Paramedic, Ambulance Technician etc)

Please see the table above which shows this information.

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:

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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
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

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