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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/06.

You requested the following information:

**The Information is requested for the purpose of writing about Paramedic intubation and the adverse impact incidents may have had on the Trust.**

**The Information I am looking for is:**

**The number of incidents where misplaced endotracheal intubation has been missed by paramedics in the Trust in the last 10 years or 5 years.**

**The number of legal cases / out of court disputes resulting from intubation errors within the Trust in the last 10 years or 5 years (Please state which when information is provided).**

**The total cost to the Trust of legal cases resulting from any intubation errors / trauma in the last 10 years or 5 years.**

**The total number of intubations in the last audited year (please state what time period is covered).**

As we do not regularly collate this information, I regret to advise that we cannot provide this on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the requested information would necessitate manually searching through a significant number of Patient Clinical Records over the last five years and we cannot guarantee that this would provide a true representation of the information requested. 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).

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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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