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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/21.

You requested the following information:

- 1. How many chaplains does your Trust currently employ?**
- 2. How many members of staff are employed as part of the chaplaincy service, and what are their job roles?**

In answer to questions 1 and 2, the Chaplaincy in South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAMB) is a voluntary activity undertaken by ordained ministers from a cross section of religious faiths. As such we do not employ Chaplains. The number of serving Chaplains is currently 40. Their role comprises supporting and listening, and they offer this as a non-denominational service. They are available to staff, other volunteers and their families.

- 3. How many people have used the chaplaincy service over the last three years?**

We do not ask Chaplains to record their interactions with staff. However in the month of December 2014 we did an audit. 26 Chaplains made 147 visits to SECAMB premises and the total number of meaningful interactions was 749.

- 4. What is the annual cost of chaplaincy services (pay and non-pay), broken down by year for the last three financial years.**

There is no pay cost associated with the Chaplaincy. Having said that the Head Chaplain receives a stipend from the Trust, as shown below for the last three financial years:

2012/13 £8K  
2013/14 £10K  
2014/15 £12K.

The non-pay budget for the same time period was as follows, and covers travel and expenses:

2012/13 £4K

2013/14 £8K

2014/15 £4K

**5. How much money is allocated to external bodies, such as the Roman Catholic Church, broken down by year over the last three financial years.**

No money is allocated to external bodies.

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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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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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