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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/01/36.

You requested the following information:

**(i) the number of times paramedics or ECPs attended a childbirth-related call in each of the last 5 years (for clarity please provide figures for EACH year, 2009/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14);**

Please see the table below which shows the number of emergency calls and responses made where the nature of the problem was identified as 'labour and childbirth' or 'maternity issues' by our call takers.

Financial year	Emergency Calls	Emergency Responses
2013/2014	3,383	2,939
2012/2013	3,755	3,272
2011/2012	5,141	4,581
2010/2011	5,244	4,931
2009/2010	5,025	4,779

**(ii) the number of times paramedics or ECPs delivered a baby during each of the above years;**

I regret to advise that we cannot provide the requested information on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually locating each patient clinical record form relating to an attendance due to labour, childbirth or maternity issues. There is no guarantee that this type of information would be included in the details. 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).

**(iii) the furthest distance travelled by a patient in an ambulance on a childbirth-related call in each of the above years;**

We do not hold this information.

**(iv) the longest time a patient on a childbirth-related call spent in an ambulance in each of the above years.**

We do not hold 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:

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
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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

Freedom of Information Coordinator  
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