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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/02/06.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide, for 2013/14, a figure for:

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust owing to hypoglycaemia

I can confirm that a total of 2901 patients were taken to hospital with diabetic problems during 2013/2014.

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust owing to diabetic ketoacidosis

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust owing to hyperglycaemia with established diabetes

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust owing to a urinary tract infection

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust owing to a blocked urinary catheter

We do not hold the information requested above in a reportable format. I regret to advise that we cannot provide any further information as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually searching through each patient clinical record to check the problem nature of the patient and the comments completed by the crew upon arrival at the location of the patient. 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).

- the number of patients taken to hospital by an ambulance within your Trust where congestive heart failure was recorded as a reason

We do not hold the information requested above in a reportable format.

- the number of deaths in an ambulance in your Trust where congestive heart failure was recorded as a reason

We do not hold the information requested above in a reportable format.

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

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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