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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/02/25.

You requested the following information:

In the year 2013/14 862,466 emergency calls have been received. The information I need is:

1. What is the population served by SECamb?

SECamb covers the areas of Kent, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire which has a resident population of approximately 4.5 million.

2. What proportion of these calls were related to sports injuries?

We are unable to advise how many of these calls were related to sports injuries as we do not categorise our calls in this way. When a call is triaged by our call takers they determine the nature of the problem i.e. leg /limb injury but not the cause of the problem, therefore we are unable to provide this information. I would suggest that you contact the A & E hospitals in our area and they may be able to assist you.

3. How many of the sports injuries were involving those 18years and under?

Please see the response to Question 2.

4. The categories of urgency and their percentages?

Please see the response to Question 2.

5. The percentages in terms of football, rugby, etc?

Please see the response to Question 2.

6. The overall cost of providing the emergency service, for all calls and sports related calls.

We are unable to provide the cost for calls and responses in connection with sports related calls; however our overall total operating expenditure for 2013/2014 was £168,785,000. This figure includes staffing, training, cost of vehicles, fuel, equipment, premises and all other associated costs.

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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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
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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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