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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/03/31.

You requested the following information:

1. How many patient transfer vehicles do you operate? These are defined as all road going vehicles used for transferring patients between locations in non-emergency situations.

We currently have 161 Patient Transport Services vehicles in our fleet.

2. What is the breakdown of this fleet by:

- i. Non adapted cars - 0**
- ii. Wheel chair accessible cars - 0**
- iii. Wheel chair accessible mini buses - 161**
- iv. Wheel chair accessible van conversions**
- v. Stretcher adapted mini buses**
- vi. Stretcher adapted van conversions – 76 vehicles are wheelchair and stretcher capable.**

To clarify the information above, we have 161 vehicles which are all fitted with tail lifts. All of these can take a wheelchair and 76 of the 161 can take a wheelchair and a stretcher.

3. What is the method of acquisition of this fleet?

Currently vehicle procurement is undertaken in line with crown commercial service frameworks and OJEU tender legislation.

4. At what age or mileage would you expect to dispose of vehicles used for non-emergency patient transfer tasks?

The vehicle fleet is currently replaced in line with contract length and vehicle condition informed by accounting rules that govern the public sector.

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
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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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