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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/023/03.

You requested the following information:

1) How many members of front line staff do you employ?

As at 28th February 2015 the total number of front line staff employed by South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust was 2015.

2) What number of front line staff are employed at a) Band 5 and b) Band 6?

Please see the table below which shows the frontline staff broken down into Band 5 and Band 6.

Role	Headcount	Band
Critical Care Paramedics	42	6
Paramedic Practitioners	105	6
Clinical Team Leaders including PPs/ SPPs	198	6
Total	345	
Paramedics inc SPPs and SCCPs	682	5
Qualified Technicians including SPs	618	4
Emergency Care Support Workers including SPs	370	3
A&E Staff	2015	

Key:

PP - Paramedic Practitioner

SPP – Student Paramedic Practitioner

SCCP- Student Critical Care Paramedic

SP- Student Paramedic

3) What additional responsibilities are required of Band 6 front line staff over and above what is required of Band 5 frontline staff?

The Trust employs Band 6 staff working in field operations as either Paramedic Practitioners (PPs) or Critical Care Paramedics (CCPs) with an extended scope of practice, or are Clinical Team Leaders (CTLs) working as first line managers with supervisory experience. Paramedics are Band 5.

The CTLs use the same drugs as the Band 5 Paramedics. The PP and CCP role have their own Scope of Practice allowing them to give further drugs.

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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