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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/06/13.

You requested the following information:

**Can you give me details of physical attacks on your staff in the past three financial years please?**

**Please include a date (month and year is fine), location and a description of what happened in as much detail as possible including injuries.**

Our Trust views assaults against its staff very seriously. Our Local Security Management Specialists actively promote awareness of our zero-tolerance stance with regard to assaults on staff and encourage staff to report incidents.

The Trust also ensures that our operational staff are provided with conflict resolution training to minimise the risks of assaults.

Our figures for physical assault/ abuse are available on the NHS Protect website. Please see the link below:

<http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/3647.aspx>

To locate the information, please click on the statistics heading in the left hand column and then on the relevant financial year for the information you require. The figures for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust are on page 4 for both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014. We are unable to provide information on physical assaults for 2014/2015 on the grounds of the exemption within section 22 of the FOIA as this information is currently being collated and will be published on NHS Protect in November this year.

Section 22- Information intended for future publication states:

(1) Information is exempt information if-

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not)

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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