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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/06/29.

You requested the following information:

**1a) How many ambulances have collided with pedestrians in 2015 so far? In each case, please detail the date of the crash, the speed of the ambulance at the time, was it responding to an emergency, the location of the incident, the extent of the person or persons' injuries and what, if any, was the penalty for the ambulance driver. Please also detail the age and gender of the pedestrian.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows information on collisions with pedestrians for the calendar years of 2014 and 2015. There were no reported pedestrian collisions in 2013. Unfortunately I regret to advise that we cannot provide any information on injuries or the age or gender of the pedestrian as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve this information would necessitate manually searching through each accident record to locate these details. 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). Our Fleet department is not informed if the driver was given a penalty for the collision so we are unable to provide you with that information.

**b) How many ambulances have collided with animals in 2015 so far? In each case, please detail the date of the crash, what the vehicle, the speed of the ambulance at the time, the location of the incident, was it responding to an emergency, what the animal was, the extent of the animals' injuries and what, if any, was the penalty for the ambulance driver.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows information on collisions with animals for the calendar years of 2013, 2014 and 2015. Unfortunately I regret to advise that we cannot provide any information on injuries or the type of animal involved as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve this information would necessitate manually searching

through each accident record to locate these details. 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). Our Fleet department is not informed if the driver was given a penalty for the collision so we are unable to provide you with that information.

**c) How many ambulances have been involved in crashes with other vehicles this year? In each case, please detail the date of the crash, the speed of the ambulance at the time, the location of the incident, make and model of the other vehicle, any injuries sustained by any parties, what the damage was to the two vehicles, and what, if any, was the penalty for the ambulance driver.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows information on collisions with other vehicles for the calendar years of 2013, 2014 and 2015. Unfortunately I regret to advise that we cannot provide any information on injuries as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve this information would necessitate manually searching through each accident record to locate these details. 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). Our Fleet department is not informed if the driver was given a penalty for the collision so we are unable to provide you with that information. The blank spaces indicate where we have not been advised of this information. This list contains all reported collisions (as staff are required to do) including very minor incidents causing minimum vehicle damage. The figures on the spreadsheet should be seen in the context of the number of miles travelled by our vehicles in the whole of the SECamb (South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) area which covers Kent, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire. Please see the table below showing the mileage for all the vehicles responding to incidents in the SECamb area.

Financial year	Total mileage
2011/2012	16,810,352
2012/2013	17,448,967
2013/2014	17,859,785
2014/2015	17,556,437

## **2a - c) Same for the calendar year 2014**

Please see the responses above.

## **3a - c) Same for the calendar year 2013.**

Please see the responses above.

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  
40-42 Friars Walk  
Lewes  
East Sussex  
BN7 2XW  
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

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