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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/08/02.

You requested the following information:

1) How much funding contribution per financial year does South East Coast Ambulance Service receive from Health Education England Kent Sussex Surrey for learning and development and are any exclusion criteria attached to the funding in relation to what types of courses are funded i.e. Access Courses

14/15 - £175,214

15/16 - £96,493

This funding is for registered clinicians working in South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust. It is for use with our partner universities and only for programmes run by the Health and Social Care (or equivalent) faculty. Here is an extract from the guidelines for use of this money. It cannot be used for access courses.

CPD (Cash)

This is a cash allocation to NHS Organisations to enable them to:

- *Purchase education from either non-contracted HEIs where the contracted HEIs do not provide a particular course/module or*
- *Purchase additional education over and above the Trust allocation from our contracted HEIs.*

CPD (Cash) can also be used to help release staff to attend either courses/modules. No more than 20% of the allocation should be used to help release staff.

Where possible, Organisations should work with the contracted HEIs to develop new modules subject to demand, long term sustainability and affordability.

CPD (Cash) should be accessible by non-medical staff (clinical and non-clinical) in Bands 1 to 9.

2) How much funding contribution per financial year does/did South East Coast Ambulance Service receive from the Strategic Health Authority in development funding for staff in pay bands 1-4 (Widening Participation) and are/were any exclusion criteria attached to the funding in relation to what types of courses are funded i.e. Access Courses

14/15 - £20,910

15/16 – This figure is to be confirmed later this month

This is for Bands 1 – 4 only and can be used for any courses that are developmental and aid the member of staff in their role. Access courses cannot be funded from this money.

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
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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