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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/08/16.

You requested the following information:

I am currently undertaking a UK wide survey of NHS ambulance Services. I would be grateful if you can confirm if you issue airwave radio handsets to the following groups of non-core resources:

- Community First Responders
- Co-Responders
- BASICS teams
- Voluntary aid services
- Military Co-Responders

Please can this information be supplied under the Freedom of Information Act. This information will be used to provide a report to the association of ambulance chief executives.

This study is to enable me to understand what communications devices are provided to these vital responders who may respond to 999 calls on behalf of the Trust.

Please see the requested information below advising whether airwave radio handsets are issued to the following responders:

Community First Responders	No
Co –R esponders	No
BASICS teams	No
Voluntary Aid Services	Yes*

* St John and Red Cross both hold a small number of our standard radios on a permanent basis under our Airwave licence. Typically about 20 for St John and 10 for Red Cross

Military Co-Responders	No
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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

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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