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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/08/01.

You requested the following information:

**I would like to know the number of blue light transfers of maternity patients from Eastbourne DGH to the Conquest Hospital for the each of the past 4 years. I would also like to know the number of Cardiac patients transferred from the Conquest to Eastbourne DGH under blue light for the same 4 years.**

Please see the table below which shows the number of transfers of patients with maternity related conditions, including labour and childbirth, from Eastbourne District General Hospital to the Conquest Hospital in Hastings for the past 4 financial years.

Financial year	Number of transfers from EDGH to Conquest ( maternity patients)
2011/2012	6
2012/2013	2
2013/2014	199
2014/2015	229

These numbers have been determined by checking the free text field on information passed to call takers when Healthcare Professionals have requested transport between the hospitals. However I must advise that the free text field facility was only introduced in the latter part of 2011.

**I would also like to know the number of Cardiac patients transferred from the Conquest to Eastbourne DGH under blue light for the same 4 years.**

Please see the table below which shows the number of transfers of patients with cardiac related conditions from Conquest Hospital, Hastings to Eastbourne District General Hospital for the past 4 financial years.

Financial year	Number of transfers from Conquest to EDGH (cardiac patients)
2011/2012	3
2012/2013	13
2013/2014	17
2014/2015	25

These numbers have been determined by checking the free text field on information passed to call takers when Healthcare Professionals have requested transport between the hospitals. However I must advise that the free text field facility was only introduced in the latter part of 2011.

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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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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