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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/10/17.

You requested the following information:

1. How many trainee paramedics the Trust has employed every year since 2010?

Please see below the yearly breakdown for employees commencing on student paramedic programmes with South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAMB) :

2010 – 25
2011 – 54
2012 – 49
2013 – 41
2014 – 60
2015 – 73

We do have student paramedics from various universities for whom we provide placements, however these are not employees and we just provide placement experience.

2. How many trainee paramedics have gone out in response vehicles every year since 2010?

SECAMB staff (such as ambulance technicians and emergency care support workers) who are also on student paramedic programmes can, depending on their employed grade, respond on Single Response Vehicles and when doing so they work to the scope of practice appropriate to their employed role rather than that of a student paramedic. We do not hold figures for this.

3. How many trainee paramedics have gone out in response vehicles without being accompanied by a more senior colleague every year since 2010?

Please see the response to Question 2.

4. How many trainee paramedics have been sent out to respond to Red 1 calls without being accompanied by a more senior colleague every year since 2010

Please see the response to Question 2.

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:

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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
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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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