



40-42 Friars Walk
Lewes
East Sussex
BN7 2XW

Tel: 0300 123 0999
Email: foi@secamb.nhs.uk

4th November 2015

Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/10/05.

You requested the following information:

Please would you provide me with:

1. A list of all ambulance call-outs your service has responded to so far this calendar year (1st January to 7th October 2015, or whichever date is closest) when the chief complaint has related to alcohol or drugs.

Please detail:

a) The date of the phone call (DD/MM/YYYY)

b) The time the response began (HH:MM)

c) The chief complaint (e.g. alcohol/cocaine overdose/heroine overdose)

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows the number of incidents attended during the period from 1st January 2015 to 7th October 2015 where the nature of the problem was identified as 'alcohol related' or 'alcohol intoxication' as determined by our call takers when triaging the 999 calls. NHS pathways, the triage system we use does not have a categorisation relating to 'drugs'.

d) Location flag (e.g. pub/bar, public transport)

We do not hold this information in a reportable format. I regret to advise that we cannot provide any further information as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually scrutinizing each incident location to see if it was a public place. 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).

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust