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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/10/12.

You requested the following information:

For the county of Kent, how many incidents were staff called to where the phrase "legal high" was logged for each of the following financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date?

How many of those incidents in Kent resulted in an admission to hospital for each of the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date?

For the counties of East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey, how many incidents were staff called to where the phrase "legal high" was logged for each of the following financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date?

How many of those incidents in East Sussex, West Sussex, and Surrey resulted in an admission to hospital for each of the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date?

Please see the attached spreadsheet, with tabs for each county, which shows the number of calls received where the caller has mentioned 'legal high' and the call taker has logged the phrase 'legal high' in the free text details of the call. I would like to stress that these figures are based on the information provided by the caller which may prove different to what our crews find when they reach the patient, therefore the detail given by the caller may not always be accurate. The spreadsheet also shows the number of emergency responses made and the number of transports to hospital. We do not hold information on admissions to hospital.

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
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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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