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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/10/27.

You requested the following information:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to the following questions about your Trust's attendance at prisons.

1. How many times have you sent ambulances to prisons in each of the past three years (i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15)?

To assist you, please find below a list of the prisons in your Trust area and their postcodes:

- a. Blantyre TN17 2NH**
- b. Cookham Wood ME1 3LU**
- c. East Sutton Park ME17 3DF**
- d. Ford BN18 0BX**
- e. Lewes BN7 1EA**
- f. Maidstone ME14 1UZ**
- g. Rochester ME1 3QS**
- h. Sheppey ME12 4DZ / ME12 4AA / ME12 4AX**

2. For each occasion, please state the location, date and initial reason given for the attendance (i.e. HMP Alcatraz, January 1 2015, prisoner injured in fight)

Please see attached our spreadsheet which shows the emergency responses made to the aforementioned prisons in the last three financial years. Each prison is shown on a separate tab together with the nature of the problem as determined by our call takers whilst triaging the 999 call. This data has been located by using the postcode provided.

3. If possible, please include details of all incidents where prisoners are thought to have taken New Psychoactive Substances, also known as legal highs/party drugs/Spice/Black Mamba/meow meow/nitrous oxide.

Please see the table below which shows the number of calls received where the caller has mentioned 'legal high' or 'spice' and the call taker has logged the phrase 'legal high' or 'spice' in the free text details of the call.

I would like to stress that all of the figures provided in the table and on the spreadsheet 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.

Prison Name	Responses to 'legal highs'/'spice' calls
Blantyre	0
Cookham Wood	1
East Sutton Park	0
Ford	0
Lewes	0
Maidstone	0
Rochester	2
Elmley – ME12 4DZ	7
Standford Hill – ME12 4AA	0
Swaleside ME12 4AX	0

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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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