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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/11/41.

You requested the following information:

- 1. How many ambulances in your trust have been involved in an accident/collision in each of the following calendar years: a) 2011, b) 2012, c) 2013, d) 2014 and e) 2015 so far?**
- 2. For each year specified above, please:**
 - i) State the total number of injuries caused, provide a list of these injuries and state in each case whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.**
 - ii) State the total number of fatalities caused, and state in each case the age/s of those killed, whether those killed were medics or members of public, and whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.**
- 3. How many vehicles undertaking an emergency medical call for your Trust that are not ambulances have been involved in an accident/collision in each of the following calendar years: a) 2011, b) 2012, c) 2013, d) 2014 and e) 2015 so far?**
- 4. For each year specified above, please:**
 - i) State the total number of injuries caused, provide a list of these injuries, and state in each case whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.**
 - ii) State the total number of fatalities caused, and state in each case the age/s of those killed, whether those killed were medics or members of public, and whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.**

Please see the attached spreadsheets from 2011 through to November 2015 which show the total numbers of road traffic collisions involving our vehicles. The spreadsheets show the date of the collision, the type of vehicle involved, the collision type and the journey type.

Unfortunately I regret to advise that we cannot provide any information on injuries as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve this information would necessitate manually searching through each accident record to locate these details. 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).

The blank spaces on the spreadsheet indicate where we have not been advised of this information. This list contains all reported collisions (as staff are required to do) including very minor incidents causing minimum vehicle damage. The figures on the spreadsheet should be seen in the context of the number of miles travelled by our vehicles in the whole of the SECamb (South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) area which covers Kent, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire. Please see the table below showing the mileage for all the vehicles responding to incidents in the SECamb area.

Financial year	Total mileage
2011/2012	16,810,352
2012/2013	17,448,967
2013/2014	17,859,785
2014/2015	17,556,437
2015 to Oct 2015	9,667,302

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
Water Lane
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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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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