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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/11/48.

You requested the following information:

I work for East Midlands AHSN and am currently conducting an evidence review looking at in-car Emergency Care Practitioner (ECP) led services to reduce demand across the local health and social care systems, with a particular interest in clinical response teams working in care homes.

In order to provide context to the evidence from the literature I was hoping to provide figures for how many ECPs were employed nationally. However this data is not readily available. Therefore I am writing to each of ambulance trusts individually to enquire whether they would be able to supply me with details of how many ECPs are employed by their Trust.

My interest is in staff with full paramedic skills, who are registered with the Health Professions Council and have completed a post registration Emergency Care Practitioners course and who would be coded as AAA as defined in the NHS Occupation Code Manual Version 13.1. If you could let me know how many ECPs (AAA) are employed by your Trusts it would be most appreciated.

We do not employ any staff with the job title Emergency Care Practitioner (ECP).

The staff we have with AAA occupational code are Paramedic Practitioners and Critical Care Paramedics.

Please see the table below which shows the numbers of staff in these job roles as at 30th November 2015.

Currently working in Roles	Headcount	Headcount (bank staff)	Overall Headcount
Critical Care Paramedics	49	3	52
Paramedic Practitioners	116	13	129

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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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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