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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/11/18.

You requested the following information:

1. In 2014-15 how many red 1 calls did you receive overall and how many were responded to within eight minutes?

This can be found on the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/ambulance-quality-indicators-data-2014-15/> Please click on systems indicators-spreadsheets.

Of those which you classified as having met the eight minute response time target, in how many cases was this criteria met by

a. An ambulance vehicle of any type arriving within eight minutes as first on scene

On 9,882 occasions Red 1 calls were responded to within 8 minutes.

b. A community first responder or other clinically appropriate healthcare professional, equipped with a defibrillator, arriving as first on scene within eight minutes

On 373 occasions a CFR arrived to a Red 1 call within 8 minutes.

c. The presence of a public access defibrillator on the scene/available within a short distance.

On 22 occasions a defibrillator was on the scene or available within a short distance.

For c, please state, if known, in how many cases the defibrillator was used to shock the patient.

This information is not held 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 searching through each incident record to see if the requested information has been recorded. 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).

What was the maximum distance from the patient, used to determine if a defibrillator was 'available'?

200m is the maximum distance

For cases where the eight minute target was met by the presence of a CFR within this time, or the proximity of a defibrillator, is it known in how many cases in each category an ambulance subsequently arrived within eight minutes of the original clock start? Please give numbers if known.

Where the eight minute target was met by the presence of a CFR, an ambulance arrived within eight minutes on 452 occasions to Red 1 calls.

Where the eight minute target was met by the proximity of a defibrillator, an ambulance arrived within eight minutes on three occasions to Red 1 calls.

2. In 2014-15 how many red 2 calls did you receive overall and how many were responded to within eight minutes?

This can be found on the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/ambulance-quality-indicators-data-2014-15/>

Please click on systems indicators- spreadsheets.

Of those which you classified as having met the eight minute response time target, in how many cases was this criteria met by

a. An ambulance vehicle of any type arriving within eight minutes as first on scene

On 190,539 occasions Red 2 calls were responded to within 8 minutes.

b. A community first responder or other clinically appropriate healthcare professional, equipped with a defibrillator, arriving as first on scene within eight minutes

On 4,668 occasions a CFR arrived to a Red 2 call within 8 minutes.

c. The presence of a public access defibrillator on the scene/available within a short distance.

On 5,609 occasions a defibrillator was on the scene or available within a short distance.

For c, please state, if known, in how many cases the defibrillator was used to shock the patient.

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Where the eight minute target was met by the presence of a CFR, an ambulance arrived within eight minutes on 4,319 occasions to Red 2 calls.

Where the eight minute target was met by the proximity of a defibrillator, an ambulance arrived within eight minutes on 495 occasions to Red 2 calls.

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
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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
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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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