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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/11/22.

You requested the following information:

How many calls (yearly) from 2012-2015 has SECamb received where the presenting complaint is suicide-related (i.e. thoughts of; attempts, etc...)

Are there statistics to show how many of these patients go on to commit suicide (days/weeks after) despite having seen an ambulance clinician (A&E)?

I have to advise that we are unable to provide this information for you as we do not categorise any of our calls under 'suicide-related'. We use NHS Pathways to triage our calls within our Emergency Operations Centres and this is not a category within this system. Calls relating to this may come in as overdose, cardiac arrest or trauma so unfortunately it is impossible to us to locate this information via our Information System.

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. Due to the timeframe supplied it would be a significant amount of work to produce the data by locating the information on Patient Clinical Records. 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).

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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
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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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