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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/12/12.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding the number of ambulance crew employed by your Trust as well as the number and type of vehicles used by your Trust specifically:

1) The number of ambulance crew employed, by role (e.g Paramedic, Technician, etc) per year since 2005. This should include any other roles/ positions e.g if you employ nurses, doctors etc.

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows the number of front line staff employed from 2010 to 2015. All data is at 31st December for each year. We are unable to provide figures from years previous to 2010 on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information 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).

2) The number of ambulance crew operating within the area your Trust is responsible for , but employed by any other agency/ private contractor; by role (e.g.paramedic etc) by year, since 2005, split into short term temporary staff (e.g.covering for maternity leave) and those working for an extended period.

I regret to advise that we cannot provide this information as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information 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).

3) The number of ambulance vehicles , by type/model, owned and or operated by your Trust, per year , since 2005.

Please see the attached fleet list which was up to date as at December 2015. We do not hold fleet lists for previous years.

4) The number of ambulance vehicles (if any) , by type/ model, owned and/ or operated within the area your Trust is responsible for , by another agency/ private contractor, by year , since 2005.

We do not hold this information as we use Private Ambulance Providers on an ad-hoc basis.

5) Whether the following list of non-ambulance services are provided directly by employees of your Trust, or by contractors/ other agencies; and when not provided by your Trust, the name of the agency/ contractor that provides that service: from 2005 by year

Call takers

Dispatchers

Vehicle Maintenance

Cleaners for facilities

HR

PR

IT support

Accountancy/Finance services

Policy advisers

Quartermaster? (by which I mean the individual(s) responsible for sourcing and making sure that your Trust and each ambulance station has a ready supply of equipment/ supplies)

If at any point the data is not available back to 2005, as far back towards 2005 as is possible.

All of the above services have been provided by directly employed staff since 2010 apart from cleaners which is currently outsourced. We are unable to provide information on previous years.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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