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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/12/25.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with:

1) The annual number of incidents an ambulance was called out to prisons or youth detention centres within the service's catchment area, broken down per institution, per year for each of the last 5 calendar years, including 2015.

Please see the table below which shows the emergency responses made to the prisons and youth detention centres in our area in the last five financial years. This data has been located by using the postcode as shown in the table.

Institution	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Blantyre (TN17 2NH)	9	7	28	5	Closed Jan 15
Cookham Wood (ME1 3LU)	10	16	14	25	44
East Sutton Park (ME17 3DF)	14	20	12	13	20
Ford (BN18 0BX)	32	49	81	54	61
Lewes (BN7 1EA)	73	71	67	83	95
Maidstone (ME14 1UZ)	25	28	30	23	30
Rochester (ME1 3QS)	36	39	71	45	83
Elmley (ME12 4DZ)	84	115	163	245	266
Standford Hill (ME12 4AA)	31	39	51	42	58
Swaleside (ME12 4AX)	78	73	111	122	215

Highdown (SM2 5PJ)	138	165	173	163	119
Bronzefield (TW15 3JZ)	92	110	85	84	93
Coldingley (GU24 9EX)	60	61	55	57	134
Send (GU23 7LJ)	68	52	29	67	36
Downview (SM2 5PD)	34	34	29	0	1

2) The monthly number of incidents an ambulance was called out to at prisons and youth detention centres within the force's catchment area, broken down per institution, per type of callout, per month, for the calendar year of 2015.

To clarify, 'types of callouts' refer to the original reason for the ambulance being called, e.g. drug overdose, even if the description provided at the time was not borne out by the reality at the scene itself.

Please see the attached spreadsheet titled 'Prison Responses 2015'. Each prison is shown on a separate tab together with the nature of the problem as determined by our call takers whilst triaging the 999 call. There is no tab for Blantyre as the prison was not open during 2015.

On your spreadsheet you refer to responses to prisons where legal highs (new psychoactive substances) may be the reason for the attendance. In connection with the question please see the table below which shows the number of responses made where during the 999 call, the caller has mentioned 'legal high' or 'spice' and the call taker has logged the phrase 'legal high' or 'spice' in the free text details of the call. This table contains information relating to the period from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015

I would like to stress that all of the figures provided in the table and on the spreadsheet are based on the information provided by the caller which may prove different to what our crews find when they reach the patient, therefore the detail given by the caller may not always be accurate.

Prison Name	Responses to 'legal highs'/'spice' calls
Blantyre	0
Cookham Wood	2
East Sutton Park	0
Ford	0
Lewes	1
Maidstone	2
Rochester	6
Elmley – ME12 4DZ	2
Standford Hill – ME12 4AA	1
Swaleside ME12 4AX	0
Highdown	6
Bronzefield	0

Coldingley	9
Send	0
Downview	0

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
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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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