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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/01/24.

You requested the following information:

For each question please answer for ambulance, car, and motorbike:

1. Is the volume/ loudness of your emergency response units sirens adjustable?

The volume/ loudness of the sirens on our vehicles is not adjustable. Each vehicle is fitted with a siren amplifier with a maximum output of 120db and a 100 watt siren speaker.

The speaker units are either placed in the front bumper or in the front grille to reduce noise output for the driver.

All sirens are operated via a switch by the driver and the different warning tones can be selected via a foot switch.

All sirens can be checked for operation by applying the handbrake and pressing the siren switch. By applying the handbrake, the siren is muffled so you can just about hear it to confirm that it is operational.

2. If so, what are the units of volume? High, medium, low or 1 to 10 etc?

Not applicable.

3. If so, are they set centrally, by a maintenance function or by the driver?

Not applicable.

4. If so, if there is a default or recommended setting what is it? (Both in the units from Q2 and in decibels)

Not applicable.

5. If the answer to Q1 is no, what is the volume of the siren in decibels?

Maximum output is 120db.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
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The Information Commissioner's Office
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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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