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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/01/03.

You requested the following information:

I would like to submit the following Freedom of Information request to the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

1) In the last two years, how many hoax calls has the South East Coast Ambulance Service recorded?

2) Can these figures be broken down by year 2014 and 2015?

3) Can you break down the figure of the total number of hoax calls over the two year calendar period for the following ambulance stations:

Leatherhead
Redhill
Queen Victoria Hospital
Horley
Haywards Heath
East Surrey Hospital
East Grinstead
Dorking
Crawley
Burgess Hill
Balcombe Road
Gatwick
Oxted
Billinghurst

[4] Can these figures for each station be broken down by year, 2014 and 2015

The vast majority of calls are genuine or made in good faith and the Trust treats all calls seriously. However, on occasion we may receive a call and dispatch an ambulance where there is either nobody at the scene or the person at the address denies making the call. For example a member of the public might make a call in the genuine belief that someone needs our assistance but the potential patient might leave the scene before an ambulance arrives.

Therefore, unfortunately we are unable to confirm the numbers of hoax calls received as we cannot be sure that they really are hoax calls.

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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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
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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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