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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/01/13.

You requested the following information:

As part of a project I am currently completing for my Paramedic Practice degree, I am in urgent need of some data around the number of emergency calls received by SECamb coding as maternity related over the last 5-10 years.

Specifically I would like to know if the trend in numbers of maternity calls over time and if possible, how many of these were for birth imminent or birth in progress. I would at a minimum like to know the number of calls per month and/ or per year for as far back as accessible records allow, to a minimum of 5 years.

Please see the table below which shows the number of emergency calls and responses made where the problem nature was identified as 'labour and childbirth' 'maternity issues' or 'labour imminent' by our call takers. I would also like to confirm that we have manually excluded all calls which could be considered hoax or abandoned.

Financial year	Emergency Calls	Emergency Responses
1/04/2015 to 31/12/2015	2,148	1,997
2014/2015	2,970	2,793
2013/2014	3,120	2,929
2012/2013	3,473	3,261
2011/2012	4,890	4,543

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
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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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