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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/02/36.

You requested the following information:

1) What is the amount your Trust been fined for failing to hit Department of Health ambulance response-time targets for 2015, 2014 and 2013. Please break down this figure annually.

Please see the table below which shows the figures requested above:

Calendar Year	Fine for failing to reach DoH targets for ambulance response times
2013	£171,000
2014	£0
2015	£700,000

2) How many paramedic vacancies do you currently have?

3) Of these current vacancies what is the longest amount of time a post has been left unfilled?

Recruitment for paramedics is an ongoing recruitment programme. For the period of 2015/2016 the paramedic recruitment target was 180 and we actually recruited 188 new paramedics in to this role. We are unable to state the longest amount of time a post has been left unfilled as this information is not recorded.

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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