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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/03/12.

You requested the following information:

**Please advise the number of assaults on staff where alcohol was deemed to be a contributory factor or impact factor for each of the financial years, 1st April to 31st March:**

**2006/7**  
**2007/8**  
**2008/9**  
**2009/10**  
**2010/11**  
**2011/12**  
**2012/13**  
**2013/14**  
**2014/15**

Our Trust views assaults against its staff very seriously. Our Local Security Management Specialist actively promotes awareness of our zero-tolerance stance with regard to assaults on staff and encourages staff to report incidents.

The Trust also ensures that our operational staff are provided with conflict resolution training to minimise the risks of assaults.

I have to advise that we do not hold any information on alcohol related assaults prior to 2013/2014. The search for the figures below was conducted on all SIRS (Security Incident Reporting System) reportable incidents under the assaults and aggression category filtered by alcohol. Please see the table below showing information for 2013/2014 onwards:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of assaults where alcohol was a factor</b>
2013/2014	74
2014/2015	93
2015/2016 (to 14/3/16)	183

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  
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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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