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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/03/23.

You requested the following information:

1. How many litigation cases have been brought against the Trust since 2010? (Please provide a breakdown per year)

Claims received by year:

23 in 2010
26 in 2011
29 in 2012
33 in 2013
24 in 2014
23 in 2015
5 in 2016 to date

2. For each litigation case brought against the Trust, please provide a brief outline of the nature of the case

Please see attached report.

3. For each litigation case brought against the Trust, how many did the Trust admit liability for?

As per the attached report, liability has been admitted in all claims that detail the last stage as 'Damages Agreed Out of Court', 'Damages Agreed in Court', 'Admission'.

In all other claims liability has been denied or liability investigations are not final.

4. For each litigation case brought against the Trust, how much money did the Trust pay out to the other party?

The Trust is a member of the risk pooling schemes operated by the NHS Litigation Authority. Payments of Damages and Costs are generally met by the NHS Litigation Authority and the Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

5. For each litigation case brought against the Trust, how much money was spent on legal fees?

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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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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

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