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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/04/45.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information.

1.) How many of your ambulances/ other vehicles have been involved in collisions over the last three financial years? Please break down by 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-016.

Please also break down, again by each year:

i) how many of these incidents occurred during emergency calls, and how many did not.

Please see the attached spreadsheets detailing the road traffic collisions (RTCs) our vehicles were involved in. The following numbers indicate if the vehicle was on an emergency call or not.

- 2013-14 645 RTC's 106 on emergency and 539 non-emergency.
- 2014-15 792 RTC's 201 on emergency and 591 non-emergency.
- 2015-16 871 RTC's 193 on emergency and 678 non-emergency.

ii) how many injuries and fatalities were caused, and whether these were your employees, or members of the public.

Unfortunately I regret to advise that we cannot provide any information on injuries, fatalities or whether those involved were staff or not, as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve this information would necessitate manually searching through each accident record to locate these details. This would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set down in the guidance on the application of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees).

iii) Please include the type of vehicle in each instance (e.g. ambulance, motorbike), the cost of repair, and whether the vehicle was written off.

Please see the attached spreadsheets.

This list contains all reported collisions (as staff are required to do) including very minor incidents causing minimum vehicle damage. The figures on the spreadsheet should be seen in the context of the number of miles travelled by our vehicles in the whole of the SECamb (South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) area which covers Kent, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire. Please see the table below showing the mileage for all the vehicles responding to incidents in the SECamb area.

Financial year	Total mileage
2013/2014	17,859,785
2014/2015	17,556,437
2015/2016	19,555,521

The information I wish to receive also relates to incidents where one of your vehicles was involved in an collision where the vehicle was not damaged, but, for instance, where someone may have been injured, or another vehicle or property was damaged.

To add - by 'collisions' - I mean bumps and scrapes with objects and people, as well as other vehicles.

2. How much money has been paid out in compensation payments to individuals who have been involved in collisions with one of your vehicles, including staff?

We are awaiting this information from our Insurers and will forward this in due course.

Please provide the figures for the same financial years as above - however, I would like this information relating to the year compensation was paid out, even if the accident/collision took place in an earlier year.

Please provide separate figures relating to money paid out to members of the public to repair their vehicles/buildings as the result of a collision.

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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SK9 5AF

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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