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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/04/21.

You requested the following information:

Please could you disclose the following information to me:

- For the last 5 financial years (2011/12-2015/16), broken down on a year by year basis how many times did employees use your whistleblowing policy to reveal concerns?
- How many of those instances of whistleblowing complaints were investigated?
- Following investigation, how many whistleblowing complaints resulted in further action being taken?
- If possible within the cost limit, please also disclose the reasons why staff blew the whistle e.g. 11 instances of bullying, 12 instances of fraud, etc.

We have no instances of whistleblowing recorded prior to 2013.

Please see the table below which shows the number of instances of whistleblowing in each financial year.

Financial Year	Number of instances of whistleblowing
2013/2014	1
2014/2015	3
2015/2016	4

The themes of these include working environment, bullying & harassment and vehicle defects/maintenance.

All whistleblowing incidents are investigated and from April 2015 to date one has resulted in further action being taken. There are still open investigations that are on-going.

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

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