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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/04/09.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to obtain information about the use of specific high technology medical equipment by your Trust in the year 2015.

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting details on the hospitals use of:

- i. LINAC (linear accelerator)**
- ii. PET (Positron Emission tomography)**
- iii. CT (Computerised tomography)**
- iv. MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)**
- v. Lithotripters**

For each of the above machines which the hospital has had on site either presently or at any time since January 2015, please answer the following:

- 1. Please state the make and model of the machine,**
- 2. The hospital in which it is located**
- 3. Its value (an insurance valuation is fine. If unavailable, please state the nature of the valuation provided)**
- 4. Annual maintenance costs**
- 5. Expected weekly operating hours (ie Siemens MRI: 09:00 - 17:00 M-F, etc)**
- 6. The number of separate uses of the machine in 2015 (for example, LINAC - 3000 separate uses; Lithotripter - 5000 separate uses)**
- 7. Whether the machine has been bought, replaced, or disposed of during this timeframe**
 - 1. The date of such an event**
 - 2. The reason**

Please ensure that for each of the questions 1-7 it is clear to which machine the data relates. If you have, for example, two MRI scanners of the same brand, please identify them as "Siemens MRI a" and "Siemens MRI b" or other appropriate system.

As we are an ambulance service and treat patients on scene and/ or transport them to hospital, we are unable to respond to these questions.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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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