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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/06/10.

You requested the following information:

I am a medical student with London's Air Ambulance. I am undertaking a project looking at spinal immobilisation strategies. I am trying to collect as much information about the use of cervical neck collars, including how much money ambulance services spend per year on semi-rigid cervical neck collars. Might you be able to provide me with some information regarding this, from your service:

1. What was the total expenditure on collars between 2005 and 2015?

We only hold records for the financial years of 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 as shown in the table below:

| Financial Year | Expenditure on neck collars |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 2013/2014 | £58,148 |
| 2014/2015 | £56,643 |

2. What was the total expenditure on collars in the year 2015/16?

£44,696.

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
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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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