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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/08/28.

You requested the following information:

I would like to know how many call-outs have been made in response to cases involving suspected overdoses of fentanyl or any other opioid that can be purchased with a prescription.

I would like the records from 2013 until now, and divided on an annual basis.

We are unable to check all of our Patient Clinical Records to see if there have been any responses to patients involving suspected overdoses of fentanyl or any other opioid purchased with a prescription. This is on the grounds of the exemption contained within s12 of the FOI Act. To retrieve the information 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).

However to assist with your enquiry we can provide figures for the number of times Naloxone Hydrochloride has been administered by our crews for the treatment of opioid overdoses. Unfortunately we are unable to advise which opioid had been taken.

Please see the table below which shows the number of times Naloxone Hydrochloride has been administered by our crews since September 2014 when we started to keep records on this. The information is recorded by financial year.

Financial year	Number of times Naloxone Hydrochloride administered
September 2014-March 2015	1,018
April 2015- March 2016	4,030
April 2016- July 2016	1,515

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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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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