

South East Coast Ambulance Service

NHS Foundation Trust

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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/08/11.

You requested the following information:

I am undertaking some work at present to look at the use of SECAmb by our MIUs across Sussex. Would you be able to supply the following information regarding emergency calls placed from each of our MIUs:-

- 1) Date / Time
- 2) Category
- 3) Main reason for call
- 4) SECAmb arrival time or call connect to arrival time
- 5) Conveyed or not?

As our MIUs are co-located with community hospitals, I appreciate that you might not be able to separate out MIU from, for example, the in-patient wards, but even the total attendances to the community hospitals would be helpful. Could I have the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016?

The addresses are:-

Minor Injuries Unit Bognor War Memorial Hospital Shripney road Bognor Regis West Sussex, PO22 9PP

Minor Injuries Unit Crowborough War Memorial Hospital Southview Road Crowborough



East Sussex, TN6 1HB

Minor Injuries Unit Uckfield Community Hospital Framfield Road Uckfield East Sussex, TN22 5AW

Horsham Minor Injuries Unit Horsham Hospital Hurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2DR

Minor Injuries Unit Lewes Victoria Hospital Nevill Road Lewes East Sussex, BN7 1PE

Please see attached spreadsheets relating to our attendances at each of the Minor Injuries Units mentioned above. The spreadsheets show the month and year of the attendance, the category, the response time and whether the patient was conveyed or not. The spreadsheets also show the problem nature and the majority of these show as 999HCP as the call for an ambulance was made by a healthcare professional. Therefore to assist with your enquiry I have also included the freetext as determined by the call taker during triage of the 999 call, however this may prove to be different when our crews reach the patient. Unfortunately we do not have any freetext for a period of time during October and November 2015 as there was a problem with our Computer Aided Dispatch system at that time. A change in the Ambulance Quality Indicators (AQIs) in connection with response times and how the priority of calls is calculated took effect in January 2016. For full details please see the NHS England website. https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/

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 40-42 Friars Walk Lewes East Sussex BN7 2XW Email: <u>complaints@secamb.nhs.uk</u> 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 Cheshire 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

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