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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/09/05.

You requested the following information:

**In the last three years, how many ambulance vehicles have broken down, or experienced faults that meant it could not be driven? (e.g. warning light came on, flat tyre, etc.)**

**1.) Please provide this information broken down for the last three financial years: 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16.**

**2.) How many of these vehicles were on an emergency call when they broke down/ a fault was spotted?**

**Please provide this information for the same years specified above.**

I have to advise that unfortunately it is not possible for us to provide all of the requested information as this data is not routinely captured. Whilst we record instances where vehicles breakdown we do not link them in with the journeys they are undertaking.

However I can provide the numbers of breakdowns recorded for the whole of the SECamb fleet for the requested financial years shown in the table below:

Financial Year	Number of breakdowns recorded
2013/2014	575
2014/2015	545
2015/2016	586

To put these figures into context, please see the table below which shows the number of responses made and the miles travelled by all SECamb vehicles during the last three financial years:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of emergency responses</b>	<b>Number of miles travelled by SECamb vehicles</b>
2013/2014	648,807	17,859,785
2014/2015	688,581	17,556,437
2015/2016	710,227	19,555,521

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](mailto: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  
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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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