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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/09/01.

You requested the following information:

Which new medications are planned to be introduced to a standard band 5 paramedic, likewise to a band 6 paramedic.

There are no plans to introduce any new medications to band 6 paramedics.
Please see below regarding band 5 paramedics.

Are there any plans for band 5 paramedics - normal operations to administer ketamine, midazolam or fentanyl in the next year ?

There are plans to use midazolam but no others have been formally discussed.

Are there any plans for paramedics to be able to cardiovert or pace - if so which group of paramedics.

Critical Care Paramedics provide chemical and electric cardioversion and transcutaneous pacing.
There are no plans to expand this service.

Are there any plans to pay standard paramedics band 6, and specialists band 7 i.e PP or CCP?

Under the FOI Act, we can only provide information held by the Trust relating to the Trust. We cannot provide details of any plans for the future.

What percentage of patients did paramedic practitioners leave at home ie not convey to Hospital.

Please see the response below.

What was the figure for a band 5 paramedic with no specialism.

Please see the response below.

Can you please break it down by location and provide the figures over the last three years.

Please see the tables below which show the non-conveyance rates for paramedic practitioners and paramedics over the last three years.

	Paramedic Practitioners- non conveyance rates		
	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Surrey	47.21%	50.84%	49.43%
Kent	47.06%	50.51%	53.14%
Sussex	50.60%	54.29%	54.00%
Overall	48.58%	52.22%	52.20%

	Paramedics – non-conveyance rates		
	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Surrey	36.25%	37.96%	38.88%
Kent	34.17%	39.01%	41.27%
Sussex	37.23%	40.05%	41.10%
Overall	35.86%	39.01%	40.47%

What is the staff turnover for paramedic practitioner and critical care paramedics compared to paramedics in your trust and nationally in other trusts. You do not need to analyse the information. If calculating staff turnover is labour intensive, feel free as an example to say there were 250 PP's in 2012, 36 left during that calendar year.

Please see the tables below which show the turnover rates for paramedic practitioners (PPs), critical care paramedics (CCPs) and paramedics.

April 14 to March 15

Role	FTE	Leavers FTE	% Turnover
PP	116.37	26.65	22.90%
CCP	38.36	2.00	5.21%
PARA	602.26	69.65	11.57%

April 15 to March 16

Role	FTE	Leavers FTE	% Turnover
PP	118.05	13.98	11.84%
CCP	41.27	4.50	10.90%
PARA	652.05	68.95	10.57%

April 16 to August 16

Role	FTE	Leavers FTE	% Turnover
PP	115.57	19.49	16.86%
CCP	41.42	2.50	6.04%
PARA	656.61	28.45	4.33%

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
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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

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