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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your further enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/10/13.

You requested the following information:

I am an emergency medicine UK trainee and a MSc Trauma sciences student at Barts and The London and am currently considering topics for a dissertation project and an area of interest to me is pre hospital haemorrhage control.

A topic I am considering is the change in civilian practice over the past number of years around tourniquet and haemostatic pressure dressing use and so I wonder if I formally requested information on the number of times a tourniquet or pressure dressing has been used by your services in the past year and also the year 2010/11 as well as the initial observations of the patients involved, would this be something you could practically achieve? If you feel this is something that is not possible or would be better directed at another department such as your audit/research team, please advise.

We can provide the total number of tourniquets and pressure dressings issued by our stores teams to ambulance stations for the financial years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 as unfortunately we do not hold any record of this information for 2010/2011.

Please see the table below which shows this information.

	Major haemorrhage tourniquet	Pressure dressing medium	Pressure dressing large
2014/2015	354	639	512
2015/2016	381	629	563
TOTALS	735	1268	1075

I have to advise that unfortunately we are not able to link these dressings to patients and then provide the clinical observations requested as we do not hold this information.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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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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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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