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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/10/41.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding obstetric emergencies that I am undertaking research for.

I would like to know what percentage of 999 calls do obstetric emergencies account for? (obstetric emergencies including: head presentation, any stage of labour, ectopic pregnancy, haemorrhage, planned home births, shoulder dystocia, etc. and for these to be regardless of call category and regardless of sub determinant.)

The total number of responses made by South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust during the financial year 2014/2015 was 688,581. Of these a total of 2,794 were categorised as 'maternity issues' therefore a percentage of 0.41%. However I must make you aware that this is based on the information provided by the caller during the 999 call and this may be different to what the ambulance crews find when they reach the patient.

These figures are based on using the NHS Pathways category of 'maternity issues'. However this may not include all responses made as some may be categorised under back pain, bleeding, generally unwell and other problem natures. Unfortunately I have to advise you that due to the different categories involved it would take far in excess of the 18 hour limit to check each record, therefore the exemption contained within s12 of the FOIA applies. To identify and provide this 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).

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
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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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