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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/02/18.

You requested the following information:

Please provide the following information:

The number of patients who have been taken to the Royal Courts of Justice Court of Protection, to have a DNR placed upon their lives by your hospital. /service.

I would like to know if the patient had a Lasting Power of Attorney and the sex, age, ethnicity of the patients and the length of time each case took & outcomes of each case. Information required from when the hospital/ service opened to the present day.

As an emergency service South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb) does not create a DNACPR (do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on a patient record.

However, should a DNACPR be present this would have been created independently by the relevant Care Team(s) who are responsible for the patient concerned.

Where there is one in place this information will form part of a patients record and will therefore be accessible to our crew (where it has been shared in advance) should they be requested to attend the patient.

As an ambulance Trust and emergency service we are not involved in Court of Protection proceedings.

I hope you find this information useful.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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