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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/03/10.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information as per my question below.

1. How much money has been spent on private ambulance services since 1 January 2015.

Please split the information into categories for types of services provided (e.g. PTS, 999 Work) and the year.

We are continuing to look at ways in which we can reduce our reliance on the use of private ambulance services and always prioritise using our own staff whenever possible. However, along with all ambulance services nationally, South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb) does use private ambulance providers when faced with high levels of demand, when experiencing high call volume or during periods of bad weather.

Please see the table below which shows the expenditure on private ambulance providers for the calendar years of 2015, 2016 and for January and February of 2017. These figures include expenditure on use of private ambulance providers for Accident and Emergency (999) and Patient Transport Services (PTS) .

Year (GBP'000s)	2015	2016	2017
999	10,686	10,810	1,779
PTS	2,484	857	11
TOTAL	13,170	11,667	1,790

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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