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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/08/35.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**1. What was the Ambulance Trust's a) FTE establishment for frontline paramedics and b) total FTE vacancies for frontline paramedics, at 1 April 2016 and at 1 April 2017.**

Date	FTE Establishment	FTE Vacancies
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	710.70	93.30
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	803.60	130.70

**2. If possible please could you provide me with reasons for unfilled posts, if it is the case that posts have not been filled.**

We are currently on track to fill all vacancies for 2017 – please bear in mind some vacancies are based on those awaiting course dates or currently on courses

**3. How much did the ambulance trust spend on agency cover for frontline paramedics a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017.**

We did not use Agency paramedics to cover frontline paramedics and therefore incurred zero cost for both years stated.

*For Information: We sub-contract to Private Ambulance Providers to provide ambulance shifts, however these are not directly attributable to a specific role*

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

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

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