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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/10/27.

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

1. In the last two financial years (2015-16 and 2016-17) how much has your ambulance trust has been spent on hiring vehicles?

This request relates to vehicles hired to take patients to hospital.

Please break down by year.

1. For each year, please provide a list of the companies used to hire vehicles from, broken down by the amount paid to them each year.

Please see table below:

Company	2015/16	2016/17
Enterprise	£18,427	£0
Burnt Tree Group	£31,293	£0
Total	£49,720	£0

1b) Please also break down by how many were branded ambulance and other vehicles hired (with traditional ambulance markings), and how many were plain vehicles. Again, please break down by year and cost for each.

Please see table below:

	2015/16	2016/17
Branded	£0	£0
Traditional	£0	£0
Plain	£49,720	£0
Total	£49,720	£0

2. How much money was spent on taxis and ubers to take patients to hospital? For the two financial years above, please break down by company, and the payments made to them.

Please see table below:

	2015/16	2016/17
Taxi Spend*	£397,350	£326,165

*Please note the figures in the table above also include spend on Taxi's for Patient Transport Service which makes up the majority. Please note that the Patient Transport Service closed within SECamb at the end of March 2017.

We do not currently use taxis to transport patients.

The Trust provides urgent and emergency care to the population of Kent, Surrey and Sussex, this may result in the patient requiring transport to another healthcare provider and sometimes a patient can be transported by taxi if appropriate.

List of companies:

- ACE Taxis
- Alpha Cars
- Arrow Private Hire
- Brighton and Hove Streamline
- Carline Private Hire
- South West Cars Ltd
- Woking Taxis & Woking Cars

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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