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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/01/27.

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

On how many occasions between 2012 and 2017 inclusive were ambulances or rapid response vehicles operated by South East Coast Ambulance Service mis-fueled, i.e. the wrong type of fuel was put in the vehicle?

There were 156 incidents relating to mis-fueled vehicles from 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2017

In total, how much did the mis-fueling incidents cost to repair?

Please see table below:

Year	Total Repair Cost
2012	£6,538.02
2013	£14,268.98
2014	£8,663.56
2015	£4,176.54
2016	£16,443.28
2017	£1,464.75

Please give a breakdown of the number of incidents for each year.

Please see table below:

Year	Total Incidents
2012	32
2013	36
2014	38

2015	23
2016	17
2017	10

Please also give details of the incidents with the five highest repair costs: when did they take place and how much did each cost to repair?

Please see table below:

Year	Repair Cost	Description of repairs
2016	£14,310.03	Engine Replaced
2013	£3,375.28	Injectors, pipes, intercooler, turbo pipes and seals
2013	£2,597.37	Injectors and seals
2014	£2,028.00	Injectors and seals
2015	£1,281.54	Fuel Pump And Seals

As a Trust we have implemented control measures to reduce the risk of these events occurring by ensuring all our vehicles have a label fitted to the vehicle fuel flap indicating to staff the correct grade of fuel to be used. We have also trialled audible fuel alerts and various misfuel devices but as a Trust we have seen a drop in these type of events over the last 3 years. This is mainly down to our introduction of new Make Ready Centres and our increased use of Trust owned bunkered fuel, which minimalizes the need to use external third party fuel sources, which then lowers the risk of these events occurring and the wrong grade of fuel being used.

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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