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Date 16th February 2018

Email:

Dear,

Email:foi@secamb.nhs.uk

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/01/16.

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

How many paramedics have been diagnosed with PTSD over the last five years - with the figures broken down for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013?

From the above, please can you detail how many have been:

- Dismissed
- Resigned
- Offered alternative employment
- Moved to/reassigned an alternative post/role
- Received help/therapy

Unfortunately, we do not hold this information. This is because PTSD could fall under various headings e.g. anxiety, mental health etc. It would also be up to the individual if they disclosed this information to us.

Please provide a copy of any guidance or policy documents for managers that set out how to deal with staff who develop PTSD.

We do not have a policy on how to deal with staff who develop PTSD. Current guidance would be to direct the individual to our wellbeing hub, as they would be able to direct them to internal and external services who are able to offer support and assistance.

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

