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Date 26th March 2018

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/02/07.

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

1. Please provide the number of potentially serious incidents involving the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust that the Trust were made aware of by staff or other persons, through the Datix system or by other means in a) December 2017 and b) January 2018

In December 2017 we had 46 potentially serious incidents reported. 7 of these were declared as serious incidents following an initial investigation

In January 2018 we had 49 potentially serious incidents reported. 22 of these were declared as serious incidents following an initial investigation

Serious Incidents: events in health care where the potential for learning is so great, or the consequences to patients, families and carers, staff or organisations are so significant, that they warrant using additional resources to mount a comprehensive response. Serious Incidents include an act or omission that results in; unexpected or avoidable death, unexpected or avoidable injury resulting in serious harm (including those where the injury required treatment to prevent death or serious harm).

2. Please provide the number of potentially serious incidents involving the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust that the Trust were made aware of by staff or other persons, through the Datix system or by other means in a) December 2016 and b) January 2017.

In December 2016 we had 31 potentially serious incidents reported. 4 of these were declared as serious incidents following an initial investigation

In January 2017 we had 52 potentially serious incidents reported. 4 of these were declared as serious incidents following an initial investigation

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3. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when the Chief Executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was on leave in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

No annual leave was taken in November

27th December 2017

2nd – 5th January 2018

4. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when the Chief Executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was working for the Trust while geographically located within the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust region in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

The Chief Executive was working for the Trust while geographically located within the region covered by the Trust on every day, except the following:

November

2nd Conference – London

7th Meeting – London

20th Working from Home

21st Meeting – London

21st Meeting – Stratford Upon Avon

22nd Meeting – Stratford Upon Avon

December

20th Meeting – London

January

18th meeting – London

5. Please state who takes on the role of Deputy Chief Executive or deputises for the Chief Executive when they are away.

There is no Deputy Chief Executive. In the event that the Chief Executive requires someone to deputise for him while he is on leave, he will allocate one of the Executive Directors.

6. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when whomever deputises for Chief Executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was on leave in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

N/A

7. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when whomever deputises for Chief Executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was working for the Trust while geographically located within the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust region in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

N/A

8. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when the Executive Director of Operations for the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was on leave in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

No annual leave was taken in November

22nd December 2017

2nd – 5th January 2018

9. Please provide a complete list of all the dates when the Executive Director of Operations for the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust was working for the Trust while geographically located within the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust region in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

The Executive Director of Operations was working for the Trust while geographically located within the region covered by the Trust on every day, except the following:

2nd November when at a conference in London

15th November when at a meeting in Birmingham

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
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