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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/12.

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

**Please confirm how many Ambulance Service (Emergency) Long Service and Good Conduct Medals the Trust/Service has issued in total, with breakdown by financial year since 1995.**

Please see table below. Unfortunately, we do not hold any information prior to 2012.

Year	Total
2012	39
2013	31
2014	23
2015	27
2016	21
2017	33
2018	36

**If possible please provide the figures for previous incorporated Ambulance Services prior to amalgamation (if applicable).**

**Please provide a breakdown by skillset (eg. Paramedic, Ambulance Technician, ECA/ECSW/Associate Practitioner etc.).**

Please see table below:

Year	Paramedic	PP	CCP	AP	Technician	CTL/ DTL	Ops	Left / Retired
2012	10	7	1	0	4	1	0	16
2013	12	3	1	0	2	0	0	13
2014	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	15
2015	7	3	1	0	4	1	1	10
2016	10	2	0	0	3	0	0	6
2017	19	4	1	1	1	6	0	1
2018	17	7	3	0	8	0	0	1

PP – Paramedic Practitioner

CCP – Critical Care Paramedic  
AP – Associate Practitioner  
CTL/DTL – Clinical Team Leader / Dispatch Team Leader  
Ops – Operations Manager

**Please provide a breakdown by Gender.**

Please see table below:

Year	Male	Female
2012	24	15
2013	23	8
2014	14	9
2015	17	10
2016	15	6
2017	22	11
2018	21	15

**Please provide a naming example and whether rank/ skillset is or has ever been included (eg. John Smith/ Mr John Smith/ Paramedic John Smith etc).**

Only the member of staff's full name, for example John Smith, as this is engraved on to the medal.

**Does the Trust/Service use honorifics or post-nominals on the naming (eg. Dr, Rev, BA, BSc, MBE, BEM, MC, QGM).**

This is left to individual members of staff to decide whether they choose to use such titles or not.

**Has any awardee refused to accept the Medal?**

Due to the process we have for applying for medals – we seek a requests from staff whether they wish to have their medal or not before making an application. We do not hold records of staff who do not reply or do not wish to receive their medal.

**Has any awardee returned the Medal back for any reason?**

Yes, occasionally the engraved name on the medal is incorrect or the medal is damaged. These are returned to the Royal Mint to be remade.

**Has any awardee had the award of the Medal revoked?**

From 2012 to 2018 no member of staff had their medal revoked

**What does an individual award cost the Trust/Service at public or private expense?**

The Trust pays for awards from its annual budget. The Trust paid £27 per medal in 2017/18 awards.

**Does the Trust/Service hold an award ceremony or is the medal awarded “over the desk”?**

The Queen's Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is always presented by a Queen's representative – Lord Lieutenant - at the Trust's awards ceremony. The only exception is if a member of staff is seriously or terminally ill – then we will arrange for a local presentation to be made but again this is always undertaken by a Queen's representative.

**How many Queens Ambulance Service Medals has the Trust/Service recommended for award to members of staff and how many have actually been awarded?**

This is exempt under Section 37 – Communications with Her Majesty and the awarding of honours

**How many MBEs Medals has the Trust/Service recommended for award to members of staff and how many have actually been awarded?**

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**How many BEMs has the Trust/Service recommended for award to members of staff and how many have actually been awarded?**

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**How many Queens Gallantry Medals has the Trust/Service recommended for award to members of staff and how many have actually been awarded?**

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**How many Medals not named above has the Trust/Service recommended for award to members of staff and how many have actually been awarded; if applicable, what were the medals recommended?**

Unfortunately, we do not hold this information

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:

[FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

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