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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/17.

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

How does SECamb record instances where the patient does not survive the journey?

SECamb records patient outcome data using our patient care records. If a patient dies in our care or dies before we arrive, this is categorised as a cardiac arrest. If a patient is in cardiac arrest, this is recorded on the care record. It is documented whether the cardiac arrest was witnessed by a bystander (before the ambulance crew arrived), witnessed by the ambulance crew or unwitnessed.

If a decision is taken that a resuscitation attempt would not be viable or to stop a resuscitation attempt, this is recorded using the 'recognition of life extinct' procedure. Some patients are transported to hospital with resuscitation ongoing or are transported to hospital after being successfully resuscitated; this data is also recorded on our patient care record.

Each month, we search the national NHS patient record system (the Spine) and contact our local hospitals to see whether the patients who we transported with resuscitation ongoing or after a successful resuscitation, survived to be discharged from hospital.

All of this information is collected and analysed by our clinical audit team; this is reported internally. Our cardiac arrest outcomes and cardiac arrest survival to discharge data is also reported nationally via NHS England.

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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