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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/07/25.

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

**Please provide the following information;**

**In the last three years, how many times has South East Coast Ambulance Service been called to emergencies involving inflatables such as bouncy castles? Please provide details of each case - including location and injury sustained.**

**Please see tables below:**

Please be advised that the following data has been collated using a free text search for 'inflatable' and 'bouncy'. We have removed incidents that were for patients that use inflatable devices e.g. chair, cushion, implant, bath cushion, bed.

Please note this may not be a true reflection of calls as there may be cases where this term is mentioned within the text but does not relate to the incident itself and may relate to something else i.e. patient's medical history

Year	Number of SECAMB Responses
2015	25
2016	13
2017	10
2018*	5

\*The data for 2018 is up to and inclusive of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

The incidents above were for the following problem/natures. Please note that the problem nature is determined by the call taker, and not a diagnosis, what was found when a crew arrived on scene or what the patient was treated for if conveyed to hospital.

- 999 HCP
- Back Pain
- Chest Pain/Cardiac Prob
- Chest/Upper back pain/Cardiac
- Falls <12ft
- HCP Admission 120 minutes
- Limb/Pain Injury
- Major Trauma
- Medical Minor
- NHS 111
- NHS 111 (Manual Entry)
- Trauma
- Unconscious/Faint

The incidents above were from the following areas:

- BN
- CR
- CT
- DA
- GU
- KT
- ME
- PO
- RH
- TN

We are unable to break this down any further as this may be identifiable to individuals

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 Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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