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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/09/15.

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

**How many employees of SECamb have been suspended/sacked in the last year for using drugs, or suspected of using drugs?**

There were less than 10\* members of staff who were suspended for allegations of suspected (illegal) drugs use in the last year

\*As this figure is less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals

**For each one can you tell me the date first investigated, their sex, job role, which drug was in their possession, how long they were suspended for, and if they still work for SECamb?**

All suspensions have been lifted and all members of staff are able to return to work.

We are unable to provide any further details as it could be identifiable to individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 (2) – Data Protection

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator  
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