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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/11/37.

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

This is an updated request to the one that I submitted in December 2016 - under the freedom of information act for the following details:

**For the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date (broken down by each year)
How many times have South East Coast Ambulances or staff been sent to assist with the discovery of suspected illegal immigrants?**

This data has been obtained using a free text search for the word 'immigrant'. 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. There may also be cases where this has not been mentioned on the initial call and is therefore not documented within the notes

Year	Total Incidents*
2015	12
2016	19
2017	17
2018	29

*Please note this is number of incidents and not the number of patients. There may be multiple patients at each incident

(If possible within the cost limit) which geographic locations or counties were these call outs to?

Please see table below showing counties which these incidents refer to. We are unable to break this down further as it may be identifiable to individuals

County	Total
Kent	31
Sussex	34
Surrey	12

(If possible within the cost limit) how many times did SECAMB convey suspected illegal immigrants to hospital for further treatment and how many people in total were conveyed?

There were 28 conveyances in total from 2015 – 2018. We are unable to break this down further as it 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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