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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/10/33.

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

We write in order to request that we are provided with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act Request 2000.

Training in Water Rescues and Recoveries:

- 1. Whether SECAS have any specific service wide training and/or guidance on how to respond to water rescue and/or water recoveries.**

Yes

- 2. If so, please confirm what that involves and provide the details of that training and/or guidance.**

DEFRA CONOPS (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Flood Concept of Operations) and National Capabilities Standard Operational Procedures. Standard Operational Procedures are produced and controlled by the National Ambulance Resilience Unit (NARU) and as such we are not in a position to provide you any content or information regarding the type and nature of the activities undertaken including our own internal procedures.

- 3. Where there is training how many response staff have been given that training and at what stage that training is given to those staff, including the frequency of any fresher training.**

90 – as above

- 4. Who provides that training – please confirm the company if external or, if internal, please confirm in what way that person is qualified to provide that training.**

Internal tutors, trained / certificated by Outreach Rescue

- 5. Where there is guidance only, without training, please confirm who is responsible for putting together that guidance and in what way they are qualified to do so.**

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Water Rescues:

6. **How many incidents of a casualty in the water have SECAS been called out to assist with, throughout 2015 to 2019 (calendar years).**
319
7. **Out of those incidents of a casualty in the water, how many of those situations have been classified by SECAS as a 'water rescue'.**
144
8. **Out of those rescues, how many times has the casualty been successfully rescued and survived the incident.**
We do not hold this information
9. **Out of those rescues, how many times has the casualty died.**
We do not hold this information
10. **How many of those rescues have resulted in SECAS responders entering the water in order to affect a rescue of the casualty.**
We do not hold this information
11. **Out of those rescues in which SECAS responders entered the water, how many times were SECAS responders injured and/or caused harm as a result.**
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Water Recoveries:

The below questions are not applicable as we are not commissioned or funded to undertake body recovery.

12. **Out of those incidents of a casualty in the water, how many of those situations have been classified by SECAS as a 'water recovery'.**
N/A
13. **How many of those recoveries have resulted in SECAS responders entering the water in order to affect a rescue of the casualty.**
N/A
14. **Out of those recoveries in which SECAS responders entered the water, how many times were SECAS responders injured and/or caused harm as a result.**
N/A
15. **Out of those recoveries in which SECAS responders entered the water, how many times has the casualty been rescued and survived the incident.**

N/A

16. Out of those recoveries in which SECAS responders entered the water, how many times has the casualty died.

N/A

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, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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