



East Sussex Healthcare
NHS Trust

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for your ambulance service area:

The total number of ambulance callouts to prisons (including all categories of incidents) in each of the following 12-month periods:

April 2024 – March 2025

April 2023 – March 2024

April 2022 – March 2023

For the same periods, please provide the number of those callouts recorded as being related to suspected drug use, overdose, poisoning, or psychoactive substances (including synthetic cannabinoids such as “Spice” or “NPS”).

If available, please provide any further breakdown of callouts by:

If exact “Spice” or “psychoactive substance” coding is not available, please provide data for the closest available equivalent category (e.g. “overdose/poisoning” or “suspected drug misuse”).

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not hold this information.

Please contact South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for a response to your request, contact details as follows:

Email: foi@secamb.nhs.uk

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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