FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-84
Subject: Conveyances to Trust emergency departments by ambulance resulting in discharge from the ED

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **29th January 2026** where you requested information about **Conveyances to Trust emergency departments by ambulance resulting in discharge from the ED.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
In the time period from 1 April 2023 to 30 March 2025:	Please find attached
(a) How many care episodes where patients were brought by emergency road ambulance into the emergency department(s) in your hospital trust were there? (If you are unable to differentiate between emergency and non-emergency ambulance, please indicate that you are not able to, and then include all ambulance attendances in the figure provided.)	
(b) Which ambulance trusts brought patients to your emergency department(s) by emergency road ambulance, and how many care episodes were there where patients were brought in by each trust? (If you are unable to differentiate between emergency and non-emergency ambulance, please indicate that you are not able to, and then include all ambulance attendances in the figure provided. If you do not hold per-patient data on which ambulance trust brought a patient to your emergency department(s), please indicate that you are not able to, and provide only the name(s) of the ambulance trust(s) known to bring patients to your emergency department(s).)	

(c) Of those care episodes (corresponding to an "Arrival by emergency road ambulance (finding)" Urgent and Emergency Care Arrival Mode, with SCTID 1048031000000100), how many resulted in a discharge from the emergency department with one of the below Urgent and Emergency Care Discharge Destinations, as reportable to ECDS: Patient discharge, to legal custody (SCTID 50861005) Discharge to hospital at home service (SCTID 1066351000000102) Discharge to police custody (SCTID 306705005) Discharge to nursing home (SCTID 306694006) Discharge to residential home (SCTID 306691003) Discharge to home (SCTID 306689006) AND with, respectively, each of the following, as reportable to ECDS (each subcriterion here is separated with dashes for ease of reading):	
(i) Either no Urgent and Emergency Care Clinical Investigations or ONLY one or more of the following: Glucose measurement, blood, test strip (SCTID 104686004) Dementia test (SCTID 165320004) Clinical investigation not indicated (SCTID 1088291000000101) Peak expiratory flow measurement (SCTID 29893006) Electrocardiographic procedure (SCTID 29303009) AND either no Urgent and Emergency Care Procedures or ONLY one or more of the following: Patient given written advice (SCTID 413334001) Psychosocial assessment (SCTID 371585000) Mobility/transfers education, guidance, and counseling (SCTID 410267000) Application of dressing, minor (SCTID 15631002) Application of sling (SCTID 52037006) Assessment of mobility (SCTID	

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In your response, please do not exclude matches from one of these from the others – i.e. if your response to (c)(i) was 100, the response to (c)(ii) should be 100 + the number of patients who had either no investigations or only the listed investigations common to (i) and (ii), and either no procedures or only the procedures from (i) plus Review of medication (SCTID 182836005) or New medication commenced (SCTID 266712008).	
(d) For each group from (c)(i) to (c)(iv), please provide the ten most common discharge diagnoses, their SNOMED CT code, and the number of care episodes for each. (If you are unable to provide SNOMED CT codes for any reason, please indicate this and just provide the discharge diagnosis as text. If you are unable to provide this information at all, either because you	

reach the FoI cost limit or because you do not store this information in a way which is retrievable for the purposes of a data request, please indicate why you were unable to provide the information.)	
An exemplar response is below to indicate the kind of data I am hoping to acquire: (a) 360,000. (b) Somewhereton Ambulance Service brought in a patient in 180,000 care episodes. Anothershire Ambulance Service brought in a patient in 170,000 care episodes. 10,000 care episodes were recorded "brought in by ambulance", but did not contain a record of which ambulance service the patient was brought in by. (c)(i) 1,000 care episodes were brought in by emergency road ambulance and subsequently discharged to one of the listed UEC discharge destinations with either no UEC investigations and procedures or only one or more of the UEC investigations and procedures listed under (i). (c)(ii) 2,000 care episodes […] (c)(iii) 4,000 care episodes […] (c)(iv) 5,000 care episodes […] (d) For criterion (c)(i), the top ten diagnoses were: 1. Example Disorder (SCTID: 3219008): 150 care episodes 2. Sample Disorder (SCTID: 3219008): 100 care episodes […] 10. Some Disease (SCTID: 3219008): 20 care episodes For criterion (c)(ii), the top ten diagnoses were: [... as above ...]	

For criterion (c)(iii), the top ten diagnoses were: [... as above ...] For criterion (c)(iv), the top ten diagnoses were: [... as above ...]	

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