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Date: 31st October 2023

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Dear

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231018.

You requested the following information, please see the attached reports:

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request specific information regarding the use of agency workers, with a particular focus on paramedics, within South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

I kindly request that you provide the following information:

- 1. Does the Trust use agency workers? If so, please specify in which departments and for what purposes these agency workers are typically employed.**

Clinical and Corporate.

- 2. What percentage of agency workers used by the Trust are paramedics? Please provide a breakdown of this percentage by year if available.**

None.

- 3. Does the Trust source agency workers via a framework agreement? If so, please provide details of any existing framework agreements and the agencies involved.**

We only work with Framework agencies . The following framework agreements have been approved by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

HealthTrust Europe: Total Workforce Solutions II.
Permanent recruitment solutions (Lot 1a and 1b)
Fully managed service: bank and agency (Lot 2a)
Agency staffing services – all healthcare professionals (Lots 3a, 3b and 3c)
Agency staffing services – non-clinical staffing (4a and 4b)
Workforce Alliance: RM6158 – Flexible Resource Pool – Staff Bank
Workforce Alliance: Non Clinical Staffing - RM6277

Workforce Alliance: RM6161 – Provision of Clinical and Healthcare Staffing
Workforce Alliance: RM6162 – International Recruitment of Clinical
Healthcare Professionals

- 4. How many agency paramedics has the Trust utilised in the past 12 months? Please specify the total number and the duration of their engagements, as well as the departments or areas where they were deployed.**

None.

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:

FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**

