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The Trust is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, thank you. This request has been assigned the internal reference quoted above; please ensure that you quote this number in any future correspondence.

We have now provided a formal response below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding the completion of this request. At the time of writing the Trust continues to receive high volumes of FOI requests, many of which are complex and time consuming. In this instance, the Trust has not responded within the required 20 working days, and for this we apologise.

FOI Request

You asked us:

I have identified a potential call-off contract awarded by South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, but I can't find details of the framework agreement it was awarded from.

I have attached an Excel file that contains the information I am looking at. The last two columns ("Title of framework used" and "Further framework info") is where I am missing information. Please could you provide the name of the specific framework agreement or DPS used here.

→ If there is any further info which you think would help me locate the framework agreement (e.g., a link to the framework's Contract Finder or FTS listing, the framework provider, or a widely-used reference number such as CCS's RM codes), please use the final column for this.

Please note that I have identified this contract as a possible call-off contract, so there is a chance it is not a call-off. It could be, for instance, procured directly (without being called off from a framework agreement), or could be itself a notice of the establishment of a framework agreement.

→ Therefore I would kindly ask you to specify in this instance what kind of procurement was used in the "Title of framework used" column.



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I have provided the title, description, the publication date, and procedure type used to award the potential call-off, as well as a URL link to the call-off in question and a unique reference ID for the potential call-off.

Reference	Title	Description	URL	Published
7afecf60-	Chris	Call off from	https://www.c	22/04/2024
3e15-	Bartholomew	SECAmb Small	ontractsfinder	
4b5b-9aff-	Electrical Ltd	Works Framework -	.service.gov.u	
2d5896dff	- Ashford	Lot 1 - Mechanical &	k/Notice/7afec	
d4a_awar	MRC - Car	Electrical. For car	f60-3e15-	
d	Park	park adjustments at	4b5b-9aff-	
	Adjustments -	Ashford Make	2d5896dffd4a	
	SECAmb	Ready Centre		

Title of framework used	Further framework info

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

Title of framework used	Further framework info
SECAmb Small Works Lot 1 M&E (Invitation to Tender 3554)	Internally managed framework, which was awarded in 2021 for a period of 36 months. Optional extension 12 months was enacted. 5 contractors were appointed to assist the Trust with estates maintenance minor works.

Contractors were not retained under this framework. There was no commitment or guarantee of business under the Framework and all purchases (call-offs) were deemed to be individual Purchase Order contracts.

The Framework allowed the Trust either to award directly, or to undertake a further competition.

The Framework expired in March 2025.

Next steps

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an



internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the <u>Information Commissioner's Office</u> (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: <u>www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints</u>.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,

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

