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Dear

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

## **FOI Request**

You asked us:

Under FOI can we request the full and unredacted report supplied to the trust along with concerns raised from the NEDs on the topic of international paramedics.

This is a fairly new report that was undertaken by Dr R Quirk.

## **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

The document FOI 250133 - Review of International Paramedic Recruitment Process FINAL Redacted has been attached as part of this disclosure.

The Trust has disclosed the requested report redacted of information which is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Section 40(2), Personal Information. Further redaction was performed to reduce the risk of reidentification of individuals via recombination with other data sources. This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) *Anonymisation Code of Practice*.

## **Next steps**

We publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website – <a href="https://www.secamb.nhs.uk">www.secamb.nhs.uk</a>.



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Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate 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

