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Dear

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:

Dear South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust,

- 1. Could you please provide the contact details for the procurement officer responsible for international recruitment within the trust? For Doctors, Nurses and AHP**
- 2. Outside of Procurement who is the Senior Officer Responsible for International Recruitment For Nurse, Doctors, AHP? and their Contact details?**
- 3. Additionally, what is the budget allocated for international recruitment for the financial year 2025/26 for Nurse, Doctors, AHP? Who is the responsible officer to allocate this budget?**
- 4. Current Vacancies at the trust per Specialty: General Nurse/ Mental Health Nurses/ AHP/ Doctors**
- 5. During the financial year 2023/24, which international recruitment partners did the trust use, if any? Who are they planning to use for 2025/26? Who is the responsible officer who decides this?**



6. How many international Doctors/Nurse/AHP did the trust receive in the financial year 2023/24?

7. What was the international recruitment spend Bifurgted by Doctors/Nurses/AHP by the trust for the financial year 23/24?

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you requested.

1. Could you please provide the contact details for the procurement officer responsible for international recruitment within the trust? For Doctors, Nurses and AHP

The Trust does not provide individual names or contact details in response to FOI requests. Business enquiries can be made by emailing enquiries@secamb.nhs.uk. Alternatively, names and roles of SECamb employees already in the public domain can be found via our website here: [About Us | SECamb](#)

2. Outside of Procurement who is the Senior Officer Responsible for International Recruitment For Nurse, Doctors, AHP? and their Contaact details?

Please see the response to part 1.

3. Additionally, what is the budget allocated for international recruitment for the financial year 2025/26 for Nurse, Doctors, AHP? Who is the responsible officer to allocate this budget?

No budget has been allocated for international recruitment for the financial year 2025/26 for nurses, doctors, or AHPs.

4. Current Vacancies at the trust per Specialty: General Nurse/ Mental Health Nurses/ AHP/ Doctors

As an Ambulance Trust we do not hold any vacancies for 'Specialty: General Nurse / Mental Health Nurses / Doctors'. AHPs cover our clinical (paramedics etc.) workforce. There are currently 95 whole time equivalent (WTE) vacancies within our service.

5. During the financial year 2023/24, which international recruitment partners did the trust use, if any? Who are they planning to use for 2025/26? Who is the responsible officer who decides this?

The Trust did not use any international recruitment partners during 2023/24; this was managed by Trust staff. The Trust does not hold any information concerning plans or decisions in this regard.

6. How many international Doctors/Nurse/AHP did the trust receive in the financial year 2023/24?

20 Nurses

7. What was the international recruitment spend Bifurgted by Doctors/Nurses/AHP by the trust for the financial year 23/24?

The Trust expenditure in 2023/24 on international paramedic (AHP) recruitment was £764,624. No recruitment expenditure was identified for international doctors or nurses.

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 [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (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: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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