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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:

**For the 3-month period ending 24th January 2025, can you please provide:**

- **Total Off Framework Agency Spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff**
- **Total hours filled by Off Framework agencies**
- **A list of all Off Framework agencies utilised by the Trust for nursing and midwifery and a breakdown of each ward or department and total number of shifts for each non framework agency**
- **A list of Agency suppliers with a day charge rate of over £40 across any nursing/midwifery speciality**
- **A list of Agency suppliers with a night charge rate of over £45 across any nursing/midwifery speciality**
- **A list of any Off Framework suppliers that have ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and Midwifery staff with your Trust within the identified time frame (24.10.2025 - 24.01.2025)**



## **Formal Response**

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

- **Total Off Framework Agency Spend for Nursing and Midwifery staff**

The Trust did not have any agency spend with agencies that are off framework.

- **Total hours filled by Off Framework agencies**

The Trust did not have any agency spend with agencies that are off framework.

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The Trust did not have any agency spend with agencies that are off framework.

- **A list of Agency suppliers with a day charge rate of over £40 across any nursing/midwifery speciality**

For reporting we have taken day rate as Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) 7am to 7pm.

The Trust is an Ambulance Trust, and as such do not have any nursing/midwifery specialities, however we do employ nurses / midwives within our 999 and 111 call centres providing telephone triage / advise.

The agencies supplying these agency staff with a day rate over £40 were:

Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd  
Merco Medical Staffing Ltd  
Connaught Resourcing Ltd  
Hallam Medical Ltd

- **A list of Agency suppliers with a night charge rate of over £45 across any nursing/midwifery speciality**

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- **A list of any Off Framework suppliers that have ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and Midwifery staff with your Trust within the identified time frame (24.10.2025 - 24.01.2025)**

The Trust did not have any off-framework suppliers of agency staff and no ongoing block booking arrangements for nursing and midwifery staff.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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**  
**South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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