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Dear,

Internal Ref:

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:

Can we have the following all meeting notes, teams meeting notes and video recordings, SMG, EMB and board paper reports that are about contain or refer to lease vehicles with SECAmb. This for the dates between 01/01/2025 and 14/02/2025.

Can we have all Capsick, legal, HMRC or other advice that has been provided to the trust about the use of Lease cars since 01/01/2025.

Formal Response

The Trust finds that the advice received is exempt from disclosure, under Section 42(1) of the FOIA – Legal Professional Privilege.

Section 42 states:

42(1). Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege or, in Scotland, to confidentiality of communications could be maintained in legal proceedings is exempt information.



The Trust has also reviewed any recorded discussions at meetings. We can confirm there is no information that can be released from these records, as it is also exempt under section 42.

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.

Chair: Michael Whitehouse CEO: Simon Weldon

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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