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Internal Ref:  
Email:

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.

Please accept the Trust's sincere apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding this response. 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 days, and for this we apologise.

### FOI Request

The following request is made under the Freedom of Information Act, related to fleet disposal processes.

1. In the last 12 months, how many vehicles have been sent to auction for sale?

Please provide the vehicle's registration number, make, and model and the disposal sale value remitted to the trust?

Do you receive information from auction regarding the individual value achieved for each vehicle sold? If so

At which auction were the vehicle(s) sold?

2. Does your trust have a policy or documentation on the disposal of Ambulance vehicles and their resale, including to private Ambulance operators and charities?

3. Does your trust have a policy on removing markings from vehicles sold at auction and removing blue lights and emergency warning systems? If so, please provide a copy of the policy or any related documentation.



4. Does the trust send vehicles to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, do you have an agreement or contract with Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, please provide a copy of the contract or agreement.
5. Has your trust granted permission to Merthyr Motor Auctions to dispose of ambulances and rapid response vehicles, such as cars that are blue-light equipped and marked with Battenburg, to be sold still liveried and with the blue lights? If so, could you please provide a copy of any emails or correspondence related to the disposal of vehicles and whether a risk assessment was carried out?
6. Are you charged a fee for the disposal of the vehicles sent to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, how much are you charged for each vehicle sold?

In respect of the above, Question 5 is the sale and disposal of ambulances and RRV risk assessed in terms of potential damage or illegal use and reputational damage to your Ambulance Service Trust?

7. Do you have a contractual period for the use of Merthyr Motor Auctions and if so when does the contract expire?

For clarity, I am seeking information about the last 12 months.

#### Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.

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Do you receive information from auction regarding the individual value achieved for each vehicle sold? If so at which auction were the vehicle(s) sold?

12 vehicles have been sent to auction in the last year. (SECAMB do not release the vehicle registration number details.)

Sold through Merthyr Motor Auctions	
Make / Model	Price
Mercedes Sprinter	£2,674.00
Mercedes Sprinter	£826.80
Mercedes Sprinter	£2,289.60
Mercedes Sprinter	£2,569.20
Mercedes Sprinter	£1,158.00
Mercedes Sprinter	£826.80
Mercedes Sprinter	£2,683.20
Mercedes Sprinter	£1,101.60
Fiat Scudo	£1,868.40
IVECO Daily	£11,056.80

Sold through Shoreham Auctions	
Mercedes Sprinter	£3,456.00
Mercedes Sprinter	£5,800.00

2. Does your trust have a policy or documentation on the disposal of Ambulance vehicles and their resale, including to private Ambulance operators and charities?

Yes – Vehicle Decommissioning Policy

3. Does your trust have a policy on removing markings from vehicles sold at auction and removing blue lights and emergency warning systems? If so, please provide a copy of the policy or any related documentation.

Vehicles are sent to an approved Blue Light Auction where this is managed as part of the sale.

4. Does the trust send vehicles to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, do you have an agreement or contract with Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, please provide a copy of the contract or agreement.



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SECamb currently uses Merthyr Motor Auctions. There is currently no contract or agreement in place

5. Has your trust granted permission to Merthyr Motor Auctions to dispose of ambulances and rapid response vehicles, such as cars that are bluelight equipped and marked with Battenburg, to be sold still liveried and with the blue lights? If so, could you please provide a copy of any emails or correspondence related to the disposal of vehicles and whether a risk assessment was carried out?

SECamb has granted Merthyr Motor Auction permission to dispose / sell emergency vehicles with livery and blue lights fitted as part of an ongoing agreement. Merthyr Motor Auctions are an approved blue light auction company

6. Are you charged a fee for the disposal of the vehicles sent to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, how much are you charged for each vehicle sold?

Average £

Less Commission	£372.00
Entry Fee	£125.00
Misc. Charges	
Engineers Report	
Repairs	
Collection/Delivery	£395.00
Service Charge	£20.00
Decommission	£295.00
Fuel	
Full Valet Steam Clean	Free
Total £	£1,207.00

In respect of the above, Question 5 is the sale and disposal of ambulances and RRV risk assessed in terms of potential damage or illegal use and reputational damage to your Ambulance Service Trust?

No - Merthyr Motor Auctions are an approved Blue Light Auction Company who have thorough processes in place to vet the purchaser to confirm if they are linked to a blue light



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company. If they are not, then all livery, blue light & control systems are removed from the vehicle before concluding the sale.

7. Do you have a contractual period for the use of Merthyr Motor Auctions and if so when does the contract expire?

There is no current contract in place

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](mailto: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](#)

#### 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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