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Dear Jon,

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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:

**For the past three financial years (2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22)
how much has the trust spent on ambulance [transport] services provided by**

- (a) external companies and**
- (b) another ambulance trust or trusts?**

Please give separate amounts, broken down to show the split between private and public [ambulance transport] providers, for each year.

During the same period, which external [ambulance transport] providers did the trust spend the most money on?

Please give the name of the top three [ambulance transport] providers, and how much the trust spent on each.

Formal Response

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

**For the past three financial years (2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22)
how much has the trust spent on ambulance [transport] services provided by
(a) external companies**

The total expenditure on private ambulance companies was:

2021_22	2022_23	2023_24	2024_25
6,547,247.97	6,537,595.38	5,779,279.60	1,523,573.41



(b) another ambulance trust or trusts?

There was no expenditure of this type.

During the same period, which external [ambulance transport] providers did the trust spend the most money on?

- Elite EMS £ 9,249,314.07
- Medi4 £ 1,060,139.27
- Platinum Ambulance Service £ 9,987,098.40

Supplier	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
PLATINUM AMBULANCE SERVICE LTD	3,103,498.16	3,285,605.09	2,869,774.58	728,220.57	9,987,098.40
ELITE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LTD	2,967,000.47	2,962,896.76	2,672,032.34	647,384.50	9,249,314.07
MEDI 4 AMBULANCE SERVICES LTD	381,424.73	287,168.82	293,010.86	98,534.86	1,060,139.27
Grand Total	6,451,923.36	6,535,670.67	5,834,817.78	1,474,139.93	20,296,551.74

Please note, all contracts with private ambulance providers ended on 30th June 2024. Private ambulance providers no longer fulfil any roles for the Trust.

Next steps

We publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website –

www.secamb.nhs.uk.

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 [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (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
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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