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Dear Sir/Madam,

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.

### **FOI Request**

You asked us:

**I would like the following details about your current arrangements for:**

- staff ID cards (both printed and blank)
- ID card printers and consumables
- staff, contractor & visitor lanyards
- any other access control supplies.

**Please provide:**

- The name of the current supplier or suppliers.
- The contract reference number.
- The total value of the contract, including any permitted extensions.
- The contract end date and any extension period that may be used.
- A description of the service or goods provided by each supplier.

**If no formal contract is currently in place for any of these items, please provide for the most recent complete financial year:**

- a) The supplier name or names, Companies House registration number where available, and website address where available.
- b) The total spend in pounds sterling.
- c) A brief description of the items purchased.
- d) The purchasing route used, for example purchase card, purchase order or framework call off.

**This request excludes physical access control hardware, installation & repair/maintenance costs.**

**If the data is held electronically, please supply it in a searchable format such as CSV or XLS. Please do not supply images or unsearchable files.**

### **Formal Response**



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The Trust does not confirm whether the information you requested is held.

The Trust has elected to withhold some information as exempt from disclosure, under section 24 of the FOIA. This section concerns exemption from the individual right to receive information from a public authority, for the purpose of safeguarding national security [S.24 (1)]. Further, the duty to confirm or deny whether information is held by a public authority does not arise where the purpose of safeguarding national security also requires this exemption [S.24 (2)].

The Trust cannot confirm which physical access control measures are in place, or which suppliers or consumable types may support these.

The Trust can confirm the total related expense for the prior financial year 2024-25 was £13,056. This purchasing is managed by individual purchase order, as required. There is no recurrent agreement or framework in place.

### **Next steps**

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

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](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**