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Dear

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:

Please can I request the following information for your Trust under the Freedom of Information Act please. Where information is unavailable or too difficult to obtain for one question please could you provide information for any other questions where the information is available:

- **The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example) • How many weighing devices are covered by this contract? A List of these devices stating make/model How many addresses are covered by this contract?**
- **What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing • The date that the servicing contract ends.**
- **The value of total spend on weighing devices (split between patient weighing and other) excluding servicing in the last 3 calendar years split by year; split by each site/address • The value of that spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 calendar years split by year.**
- **Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?**
- **Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?**
- **If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?**
- **Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?**
- **How many suppliers were invited to tender/were considered for your current contract • What was the decision criteria with regard to the current contract including any weighting**



Formal Response

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

• The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example)?

The Trust does not have weighing devices as part of provision to provide services, which include providing 999 emergency ambulance response and NHS 111 services.

• How many weighing devices are covered by this contract?

Not applicable.

• A List of these devices stating make/model How many addresses are covered by this contract?

Not applicable.

• What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing • The date that the servicing contract ends.

Not applicable.

• The value of total spend on weighing devices (split between patient weighing and other) excluding servicing in the last 3 calendar years split by year; split by each site/address • The value of that spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 calendar years split by year.

Not applicable.

• Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?

Not applicable.

• Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?

The Trust uses Cleric Computer Services Ltd - EPCR

• If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?

No, the Trust does not intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months.

• **Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?**

Not applicable.

• **How many suppliers were invited to tender/were considered for your current contract • What was the decision criteria with regard to the current contract including any weighting?**

Not applicable.

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

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.

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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