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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.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

FOI Request

You asked us:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request further information regarding the use of Land Rover, Range Rover, and other SUV-type vehicles within the South East Coast Ambulance Service fleet.

Please provide the following:

- 1. How many Land Rover or Range Rover vehicles SUV (including but not limited to Discovery, Defender, Evoque, Velar, and Range Rover models) are currently owned, leased, hired, or otherwise operated by SECamb?**
- 2. How many other SUV or crossover-style vehicles (for example but not limited to, Ford Kuga, Nissan X-Trail, Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Tucson, Kia Sportage, Skoda Kodiaq, etc.) are currently owned, leased, hired, or otherwise operated by SECamb?**
- 3. Of these, how many were purchased outright and how many are leased or hired?**
- 4. What was the total cost of acquiring or leasing these vehicles?**



5. **In what financial year(s) were these vehicles first acquired, leased, or brought into operational use?**
6. **What are the intended operational uses of these vehicles (e.g., operational managers, incident response, logistics, or administrative use)?**
7. **Were these vehicles acquired via a central NHS procurement framework, or through a direct arrangement with a supplier or leasing company?**
8. **Are these vehicles allocated to specific teams, departments, or roles within SECAMB?**
9. **Have any business cases, justifications, or cost-benefit analyses been produced regarding the acquisition or lease of these vehicles? If so, please provide copies.**

Please include any such vehicles that are used under shared or centrally managed NHS fleet arrangements, even if they are not directly owned by SECAMB.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

1. **How many Land Rover or Range Rover vehicles SUV (including but not limited to Discovery, Defender, Evoque, Velar, and Range Rover models) are currently owned, leased, hired, or otherwise operated by SECAMB?**

Please see column F and G of the associated information

2. **How many other SUV or crossover-style vehicles (for example but not limited to, Ford Kuga, Nissan X-Trail, Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Tucson, Kia Sportage, Skoda Kodiaq, etc.) are currently owned, leased, hired, or otherwise operated by SECAMB?**

Please see column F and G of the associated information

3. **Of these, how many were purchased outright and how many are leased or hired?**

Please see column J of the associated information

4. **What was the total cost of acquiring or leasing these vehicles?**

Please see column I of the associated information



5. In what financial year(s) were these vehicles first acquired, leased, or brought into operational use?

Please see column E of the associated information

6. What are the intended operational uses of these vehicles (e.g., operational managers, incident response, logistics, or administrative use)?

Please see column D of the associated information

7. Were these vehicles acquired via a central NHS procurement framework, or through a direct arrangement with a supplier or leasing company?

Directly through lease company and via the NHS Framework procurement process

8. Are these vehicles allocated to specific teams, departments, or roles within SECamb?

Please see column E of the associated information

9. Have any business cases, justifications, or cost-benefit analyses been produced regarding the acquisition or lease of these vehicles? If so, please provide copies.

N/A

Please include any such vehicles that are used under shared or centrally managed NHS fleet arrangements, even if they are not directly owned by SECamb.

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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