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Internal Ref: 251008  
Email:

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:

**I am submitting this as a separate FOI request to my original. This is regarding the recent acquisition of company vehicles to be used by the new band 9s. I would like to know the following:**

- 1. What vehicles were purchased.**
- 2. Were the cars purchased or leased?**
- 3. If leased, how long is the lease agreement and what was the interest rate? If purchased, what is the financial breakdown?**
- 4. Were any additions/mod-cons added to each purchase?**
- 5. When was this purchase made?**

### **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

· **What vehicles were purchased?**

No vehicles have been purchased. All vehicles are leased.



· **Were the cars purchased or leased?**

All vehicles are leased. Three vehicles have been approved for Band 9 postholders since their appointment. Two of these are replacement leases continuing existing arrangements, and one is a new lease agreement.

· **If leased, how long is the lease agreement and what was the interest rate? If purchased, what is the financial breakdown?**

All vehicles are leased on four-year agreements. No interest rate is applied, as these are standard lease arrangements. The annual rental the new leased vehicle is £6,470.41, split between a Trust contribution and a user contribution in line with Trust policy.

· **Were any additions or modifications made to each vehicle?**

No modifications have been made other than the inclusion of a standard manufacturer-fitted heat pump.

· **When was this purchase made?**

The most recent lease order was placed on 9 October 2025.

### 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](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](https://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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