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31st October 2025
Internal Ref: 251009
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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:

I am submitting a request for information held by the trust under the Freedom of Information Act.

This has two parts. They are not dependent on one another. Please respond to the second part regardless of your answer to the first. Please provide this information to me an electronic format.

1. Please list the names of any wholly-owned subsidiaries (also known as SubCos) to the trust

2. In March 2025 Sir James Mackey the chief executive of NHS England told the wider NHS that trusts should normally be transferring support staff to wholly-owned subsidiary companies adding that all trusts will need to introduce or consider SubCos. It is my understanding that at that point NHS foundation trusts began looking into the possibility of setting up new SubCos or expanding the use of their current SubCo, if they have one or more already. To that end, please provide the following pieces of information:
 - a. The name of any management consultancy and/or professional services firms you engaged to provide



advice and support following this announcement by Sir James in regard to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos. For the avoidance of doubt, by professional services firms I mean companies (of any size) that provide advice and support in fields such as law, technical areas of expertise such as IT, audit, accountancy, IT, tax including VAT, etc.

- b. The sum of money paid to those firms in the course of delivering the required service relating to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos
3. The number of person hours of time that your trust staff put into scoping out possible actions the trust could make in response to Sir James' announcement as cited above, including time spent working on compiling a business case for the creation of or expansion of SubCos.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

1. Please list the names of any wholly-owned subsidiaries (also known as SubCos) to the trust

The Trust does not have any subsidiaries, wholly or partly owned.

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No management consultancy and/or professional services firms have been engaged.

- b. The sum of money paid to those firms in the course of delivering the required service relating to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos**

Not applicable

- c. The number of person hours of time that your trust staff put into scoping out possible actions the trust could make in response to Sir James' announcement as cited above, including time spent working on compiling a business case for the creation of or expansion of SubCos.**

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:



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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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