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Internal Reference: 260302
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **28/02/2026**. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.**

Your Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information in relation to your authority's domestic waste services:

1. The name of the current contractor(s) responsible for:
 - o Domestic (residual) waste collection
 - o Recycling collection
 - o Food waste collection
2. The contract start date and original contract end date for each of the above services.
3. Details of any extension options available within each contract (including the length of each extension).
4. Confirmation of whether any extensions have been exercised, and if so, the revised contract end date.
5. If applicable, confirmation of any planned procurement timetable for replacement contracts.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format.

Formal Response



1. We have a Total Waste Management contract with Sharpsmart covering all our waste streams, including those below:
 - o Domestic (residual) waste collection
 - o Recycling collection
 - o Food waste collection
2. The contractual start and end date for the above services is: 1/11/25 – 31/10/26.
3. There is an option to extend the contract for 12 months which would change the end date to 31/10/27.
4. No extensions have been exercised.
5. Five trusts within the Southern Ambulance Service Collaboration (SASC) are exploring opportunities to collaborate on the provision of waste services. An initial review of each trust's specifications and requirements is scheduled to commence in April 2026, with a view to undertaking procurement in readiness for awarding a contract in April 2027.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane



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Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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