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Internal Reference: 260326
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **08/03/2026**
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 enquiring about Paramedic mr Robin Bass.

Is he a commander?

If not what is his rank/Job title.

If so, when was he appointed a commander or other role.

Formal Response

Following discussion and advice provided by the Information Commissioners Office on 11 March 2026, the Trust is withholding the requested information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party and disclosure would contravene the data protection principles set out in Article 5 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The request seeks confirmation of an identifiable individual's employment status, role, rank and appointment history. This information clearly relates to a living, identifiable individual and therefore meets the definition of personal data under Article 4(1) UK GDPR.



Disclosure of this information into the public domain would not be lawful, fair or transparent, as required by Article 5(1)(a) UK GDPR. The individual concerned would not reasonably expect details of their role, rank, or employment progression to be disclosed in response to a public Freedom of Information request.

In considering whether disclosure could be lawful under Article 6(1)(f) UK GDPR (legitimate interests), the Trust has concluded that:

- there is no overriding legitimate interest that would necessitate disclosure of this information to the public at large;
- disclosure is not necessary to meet any identified legitimate interest; and
- the individual's rights and freedoms would override any limited public interest in disclosure.

The Trust has also considered whether the information could be anonymised; however, due to the specific nature of the request and the individual being explicitly named, anonymisation would not prevent identification.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption, and as disclosure would breach data protection legislation, the Trust is not required to apply a public interest test.

The requested information is therefore withheld.

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
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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