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Internal Reference: 260738
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **20/07/2026**.
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 regarding the operation of the Pathology Laboratories within your organisation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested in the questions below. We appreciate that there may be limits to what can be disclosed, so any information you can share would be greatly appreciated.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to your Trust's or Health Board's Pathology services:

1. Which hospitals are part of your Trust or Health Board?
2. Which of these hospitals have Pathology Laboratories?
3. Which National Pathology Network does your organisation belong to?
4. Does your Pathology service operate in partnership with any other NHS Trusts or laboratories? If yes, please provide details.
5. What Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS) is currently used by your Pathology service? Please include the supplier and product name where possible.
6. Is your LIMS/LIS deployed as:



- A single-site instance
 - A Trust-wide solution
 - A Pathology Network-wide solution
 - Other (please specify)
7. When is the current LIMS/LIS contract due to expire? If known, please also provide any extension options.
 8. Do you operate Blood Transfusion Laboratories? If so, at which hospital sites?
 9. Do you currently use an Electronic Blood Tracking solution? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.
 10. Do you use a dedicated Transfusion Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS)? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.
 11. Is there an individual or team responsible for leading Digital Transformation within Pathology or Diagnostics? If possible, please provide

Name (where this is publicly disclosable under the FOI Act)

Job title

Department

If a name cannot be provided, please provide the relevant job title(s) only.

Formal Response

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is an ambulance service provider and does not operate acute hospitals or pathology laboratories. As such, the questions relating to hospital pathology laboratories, Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS/LIS), blood transfusion laboratories, electronic blood tracking solutions and pathology network arrangements are not applicable to the Trust.

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

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