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Internal Reference: 260759
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **31/07/2026**.
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 under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to formally request information regarding how your Trust delivers pathology and laboratory services.

For each of the broad test categories listed below, I would like to receive data covering the following financial years (1 April to 31 March): FY2019/20, FY2020/21, FY2021/22, FY2022/23, FY2023/24 and FY2024/25

The broad test categories are:

- Haematology and coagulation
- Blood bank
- Clinical Biochemistry
- Microbiology & Virology
- Immunology
- Histopathology & Cellular Pathology (including Cytology)

- Genetics & Molecular Pathology
- Point of Care Testing (POCT)

For each category above, please could you provide:

1. **Test volumes:** the total number of tests/samples processed, by year, for each of the years listed above.

2. **Service delivery model:** whether the category is delivered *in-house*, via a *joint venture/partnership*, or *fully outsourced* to a third party, and the name of the partner organisation, JV entity, or outsourced provider in each case.

3. **Contract details:** the name of the current contract holder/provider, the contract start date, and the date the contract is next due for renewal or re-tender.

Formal Response

The Trust does not provide pathology or laboratory services and does not hold information relating to test volumes, service delivery models, or contract arrangements for the categories listed in your request. Accordingly, the request is not applicable to South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation 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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