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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/04/33.

You requested the following information:

1. a How many people who have worked for you were paid off-payroll in the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

2013/2014 – 4
2014/2015 - 5

1.b How many people working for you are currently paid off-payroll?

5

2.a How many of the off-payroll workers in the 2013/14 financial year were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

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2.b How many of the off-payroll workers in the 2014/15 financial year were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

1

2.c How many of the off-payroll workers currently working for you are either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility?

1

3.a Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers in 2013/14 who were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

We are withholding this name on the basis of the exemption within s40(2) Data Protection. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties.

The job title is Head of Finance.

3.b Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers in 2014/15 who were either board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

We are withholding this name on the basis of the exemption within s40(2) Data Protection. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties.

The job title is Director of 111.

3.c Please provide the names and job titles for the off-payroll workers who are currently board members or senior officials with significant financial responsibility.

We are withholding this name on the basis of the exemption within s40(2) Data Protection. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties.

The job title is Director of 111.

4. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state the length of time that they have been paid off-payroll.

2013/2014 – 7 months

2014/2015 – 5months

2015/2016 – 2 months

5. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state the name of the company which was paid for the work.

I have to advise that I am unable to provide any further information on the basis of the exemption contained within s43 (2) of the FOI Act (Commercial Interests). The Trust accepts that there is a public interest in how public money is spent; however there is also a need to withhold information that would prejudice the commercial interest of the Trust and/ or third parties. In assessing the public interest, the Trust takes the view that this would be the case in this instance. The Trust considers that this information, in conjunction with other information that might already or will be in the public domain, could lead to the commercial interests of the Trust together with the companies we use being adversely affected.

6. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether this firm is a personal service company.

2013/2014 - Not known
2014/2015 – Not known
2015/2016 – Not known

7. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether assurances were sought that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

2013/2014 – Yes
2014/2015 – Yes
2015/2016 - Yes

8. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether assurances were received that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

2013/2014 – Yes
2014/2015 – Yes
2015/2016 - Yes

9. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether proof was received that the correct amount of tax was paid for the work.

2013/2014 – No
2014/2015 – No
2015/2016 - No

10. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please state whether you took on PAYE responsibilities for the worker and whether you paid National Employment for the work.

2013/2014 – No
2014/2015 – No
2015/2016 - No

11. For each of the off-payroll workers named in 3a, 3b and 3c, please confirm whether or not the appointment was made because of 'exceptional circumstances'. If so, please explain what these exceptional circumstances were.

2013/2014 – No exceptional circumstances
2014/2015- No exceptional circumstances
2015/2016 – No exceptional circumstances

I hope you find this information helpful.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust's (SECAMB) Internal Review Procedure at:

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
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Email: complaints@secamb.nhs.uk

Should you remain unhappy with the outcome of any such internal review, you may request a decision from the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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