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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/04/28.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to you to request information concerning staff training and apprenticeships at your Trust.

This is the information that we would like to specifically request for your organisation:

1. How many apprenticeship starts did you have in the following years?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total number of apprenticeship starts</u>
2010/11	21
2011/12	16
2012/13	52
2013/14	5
2014/15	3

2. For 2014/15 (or the latest year for which you have figures available), how did the number of apprenticeship starts in Q1 above split down by the following apprenticeship job roles/functions? (If the job types do not meet your classifications please give the best possible breakdown by your job type classifications)

<u>Job role/function</u>	<u>Total number of apprenticeship starts</u>
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Allied health profession support	
Assistant practitioner	
Clinical healthcare support worker	
Dental nursing	
Emergency care assistance	
Health and social care	
Healthcare support services	
Health Informatics	
Maternity and paediatric support	
Optical retail	
Pathology support	
Perioperative support	
Pharmacy services	
Pharmacy technicians and assistants	
Business and administration	2
Customer service	
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	
Construction building	
Horticulture	
Accounting	
Management	
Nurse	
Other (please specify)	1 (vehicle mechanics)

3. For 2014/15 (or the latest year for which you have figures available), how did the number of apprenticeship starts in Q1 above split by different suppliers? (please list suppliers and number of apprenticeships from each supplier)

Business Admin x 2 – Learn Direct
Vehicle Mechanics x 1 – Brooklands College

4. What procurement process did you go through to select your apprenticeship suppliers?

We previously used JHP training as apprenticeship provider as they cover the whole SECamb area. They were amalgamated into Learn Direct whom we continue to use. Vehicle mechanics apprenticeship providers are less available so we looked for a supplier who was local to Banstead where the apprentice was going to be based.

5. For 2014/15 (or the latest year for which you have figures available), what was the number of staff and the number of training days across ALL types of training for each of the following job roles/functions? (If the job types do not meet your classifications please give the best possible breakdown by your job type classifications)

Please see the table below completed with our information. We do not hold records based on training days but on courses offered. Some of our courses fall into different categories which are shown as 'other' in the table below.

<u>Job role/function</u>	<u>No. Courses Offered</u>	<u>Total number of staff (Enrolled)</u>	<u>Number of training days</u>
Allied health profession support	141	2255	
Assistant practitioner	0	0	
Clinical healthcare support worker	0	0	
Dental nursing	0	0	
Emergency care assistance	0	0	
Health and social care	0	0	
Healthcare support services	0	0	
Health Informatics	0	0	
Maternity and paediatric support	0	0	
Optical retail	0	0	
Pathology support	0	0	
Perioperative support	0	0	
Pharmacy services	0	0	
Pharmacy technicians and assistants	0	0	
Business and administration	0	0	
Customer service	0	0	
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	0	0	

Construction building	0	0	
Horticulture	0	0	
Accounting	0	0	
Management	0	0	
Nurse	0	0	
Other Add Prof Scientific and Technic	13	23	
Additional Clinical Services	13	648	
Administrative and Clerical	8	142	
Estates and Ancillary	1	2	
Not Specified	6	13	

6. What is your approximate overall level of spend on vocational training?

• What is this as a percentage of overall trust budget?

I have to advise that I am unable to provide any figures 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.

I can advise that the level of spend on vocational training is 4% of the total operating budget for the whole of South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust.

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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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
Water Lane
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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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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