

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

40-42 Friars Walk Lewes East Sussex BN7 2XW

Tel: 0300 123 0999 Email:foi@secamb.nhs.uk

11th May 2015

Email

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/05/04.

You requested the following information:

I would like to submit a new freedom of information request.

- 1. Contracts/Agreements relating to the supply of Gas which may include the following:
- Natural Gas Supply
- Gas Heating / Boiler Maintenance
- Installation of Gas Central Heating Systems
- 2. Contracts/Agreements relating to the supply of Electricity which may include the following:
- Street Lighting
- Electricity Supply (Half Hourly)
- Electricity Supply (Non Half Hourly)
- Corporate Electricity Supply

Contract Information- For each of the types of the contract that I am requesting please can you send me the following information. Please can you remember if there is more than one provider can you please split the contract information up for each individual provider?

- 1. Unique Contract Key: Please can you provide me with a unique reference quote that relates to each contract.
- 2. Current Provider: If there is more than one provider please split the contract information individually.
- 3. Annual Average Spend: Please can you send me the average spends over the last three years. Approximate spend is also acceptable.



- 4. Contract Duration: Duration of the contract/agreement and can you please include any extension periods that could be executed
- 5. Contract Commence Date: The date the contract/agreement commenced
- 6. Contract Expiry Date: The date the contract/agreement expired
- 7. Contract Description: A brief description of the contract of what support/service in involved
- 8. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for this contract? Please can you send me the full names, actual job title, internal contact number and the officers direct email address?

If there is more than one supplier please split each profile of the above data types for each supplier. E.g. separate spend, expiry date, responsible officer.

In some cases I have been told that some requests may take of the period of collating this information. If this is the case please can you only concentrate on part two of my request (Contracts/Agreements relating to the supply of Electricity).

Our gas and electricity contract is with Laser Energy Buying Group on a 12 month contract, the commencement date being 01 April 2015. The responsible officer is the Head of Procurement and the type of contract is fully managed bureau service. I have to advise that I am unable to provide any information relating to annual spend 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 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 40-42 Friars Walk Lewes East Sussex BN7 2XW 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 Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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 South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

