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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/05/02.

You requested the following information:

1a. What was your budget for Patient Transport Services (PTS) in the 2009/2010 financial year?

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

1b. What is your budget for PTS in the last audited financial year?

Please see the answer to the question above.

2a. How many PTS staff did you employ on 1st April 2010?

Please see the table below which shows number of PTS staff employed as at 1st April 2010 and 1st April 2015.

PTS staff figures		
	Headcount	WTE
01-Apr-10	313	283
01-Apr-15	384	355

2b. How many PTS staff do you employ now?

Please see the table above.

3. Which PTS services that you provided on 1st April 2010 do you no longer provide?

We do not provide a Patient Transport Service in Kent.

In 2010 we did not provide a Patient Transport Service in Surrey.

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
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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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