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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/06/02.

You requested the following information:

**I would like to know how much the Trust spent in total during the 2014-15 financial year – ending on 31 March 2015 – on contract and agency staff? If available, please split the figure by staffing group.**

Staff Group	Actual £	Plan £
Administration and estates	4,195,000	2,555,000
Healthcare assistants and other support staff	158,000	96,000
Managers and senior managers	313,000	191,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,666,000</b>	<b>2,842,000</b>

I would like to confirm that these figures include NHS 111 Support, Patient Transport Service (PTS ) Ambulance Care Assistants, Frontline Operational Support and back office support.

**Also, how much had the Trust originally planned to spend on contract and agency staff during 2014-15? If available, please split the figure by staffing group.**

We planned for circa 2.2% of total staff costs so for 2014-15 we planned to spend £2,842,000 in total, this plan is shown above.

**And what was your total staffing expenditure for the 2014-15 financial year – ending on 31 March 2015?**

Total Staffing Expenditure for 2014-15 was £130,347,000. To put these figures into context the total operating expenditure for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for the year 2014/2015 was £191,100,000.

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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