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Dear

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

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please may I request an up to date project directory of all companies, suppliers and sub-contractors involved in the project Ambulance Station (Refurbishment) Thanet Ambulance Station, Haine Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5AB. The Scheme comprises refurbishment works.

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.

The building works at Thanet have been completed for some time, however many of the suppliers and contractors are also involved in the bidding process for our other new MRC projects, therefore the exemption under s43 (2) Commercial Interest applies. We are currently tendering contracts for new MRC's and therefore at this stage to reveal those names could be used to either distort competition and/or create collusive approaches.

It may be appropriate to release the requested information after the project has been completed but not in advance of the start or completion dates.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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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