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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/07/16.

You requested the following information:

I'm currently doing some research with regards to fleet management and I was wondering if I could submit a freedom of information request detailing the organisation's vehicle, leasing and maintenance contracts. I'm aware that not all organisations will have this particular contract but can you please send the following information with regards to these contracts:

1. Contract Type:

Maintenance – In house provision

Leased, Hire – East of England Procurement Framework

2. Who is the supplier of this contract? If there is more than one supplier please can you split all the information out below including annual spend, contract description and contract dates.

The Trusts procure vehicle lease/hire via the East of England Procurement Framework, which is open to any NHS organisation and the supplier list is already in the public domain. Each tranche of vehicles is awarded subject to a mini competition. Typically leases are over 5 years. The Framework expires Dec 2015.

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

3. A small description of the contract.

Please see the above response.

4. The expiry date of each individual contract.

Please see the response to Question 2.

5. The contract review date.

Not known.

6. Can you please send me contact details of the individual within the organisation responsible for this contract? Can you please send me two contact one from the fleet management (or equivalent) and the other procurement or purchasing preferably the category manager.

We are withholding this name on the basis of the exemption within s40(2) Data Protection. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties.

Please use the following email address for fleet enquiries: fleet.enquiries@secamb.nhs.uk and the email address for procurement is Procurement@secamb.nhs.uk.

7. If the contract above was awarded within the last six months could you please provide me with the suppliers that were shortlisted?

Not applicable

8. I understand that the FOI Act is for recorded information but if you could be so help please include notes into what the organisation tends to do for future procurements. Extending contract, going to tender etc.

The Freedom of Information Act only obliges the Trust to provide information that is held on record. There is no obligation to provide opinion on potential future business decisions.

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
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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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