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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/09/21.

You requested the following information:

Please could you advise me with contact details who is the head of procurement for your Ambulance Trust.

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 forward any emails to the following email address: procurement@secamb.nhs.uk

Please could you advise on the procedure for identifying exactly what resources from your current list of private/voluntary Ambulance Services suppliers are required on any given day?

This is a calculation/ forecast based on demand v available resource and as such is not held as a document.

Please could you advise myself how an additional Private Ambulance Service could be accepted as part of your current supplier list.

The current Framework expires in 2018 – Frameworks are closed to new entrants.

Please could you advise if you have any contracts in place with your Private/Voluntary Ambulance Services. Please could you provide me with a copy or details of the contract with each supplier.

Yes we do have contracts with Private Ambulance Services and Voluntary Ambulance Services, however copies of the actual contracts are withheld 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.

Please could you advise the minimum specifications that you expect from private/voluntary Ambulance Services in the following categories :-

**999 response (after initial assessment by a Trust employee).
High Dependency/Intermediate (urgent care).
Patient Transport only.**

The Specification documents are withheld under s43 Commercial Interest, full exemption details as mentioned above.

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
Cheshire
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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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