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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/10/08 and FOI/15/10/14.

You requested the following information under FOI/15/10/08:

**I request the following in connection with your latest published figures:**

- 1. A breakdown of the total income generated for the Trust for the provision of Patient Transport Services (PTS) by county.**
- 2. A breakdown of the total direct expenditure for the Trust for the provision of PTS by county, this should include:**
  - a. Vehicle costs (including number of vehicles acquired)**
  - b. Vehicle Maintenance & repair (specify if this is including staffing cost for this or not)**
  - c. Fuel**
- 3. List of depots (or locations) where PTS vehicles are located together with their status (owned/leased)**
- 4. Number of staff based at each depot**
- 5. Total number of Patient transport journeys made in the period.**
- 6. Number of journeys you were unable to fulfil and any penalties incurred for these failures (please provide the figure broken down by reason if possible)**
- 7. Number of on day cancellations and any penalties incurred for these failures (please provide the figure broken down by reason if possible)**
- 8. Number of times you have had to use external providers to fulfil PTS journeys.**

You requested the following information under FOI/15/10/14:

**I request;**

- 1. A list of locations where SECamb operate and store vehicles**
- 2. A list of ambulance and vehicle types and uses at each location.**
- 3. The number of employees by job description who are based at each location where SECamb operate**
- 4. A list of locations where SECamb operate maintenance facilities for their vehicles.**

I have aggregated your requests and regret to advise that we cannot provide the requested information on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. To retrieve the information would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set down in the guidance on the application of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees).

With reference to FOI/15/10/08, 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.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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  
40-42 Friars Walk  
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Email: [complaints@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto: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

Freedom of Information Coordinator  
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