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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/15/12/02.

You requested the following information:

Following the recent news story in the telegraph whereby the Trust may have used defibrillators to 'clock stop' please can you advise me of where one might find public access defibrillators within your region.

I am aware you have previously refused such a request claiming an exemption for commercially sensitive information, might I ask for clarification as to how the location of such lifesaving equipment affects the organisation commercially in a way that would allow for it to be exempted from an FOI request.

I am very interested to know where these units are in order that should I ever be in the South East Coast area and require the use of one , I would know where they are.

My research shows that there are over 2000 of these devices listed on your dispatch system which I believe is used to alert people when they make the 999 call- can you confirm if this is the case?

I would like a full list of all the defibrillators that are held on your dispatch system (CAD I think its called). This information should be readily available and not take more than 18 hours to process and retrieve.

A previous response from your team stated "Within the SECamb area we are aware of 2100 PAD sites however we do not hold a full list showing the individual locations". I believe this to be factually incorrect so can you please let me know if you hold a list either on or off your CAD system that has details of the location of these sites.

I have read much literature on this matter and I am not aware that any legal exemption can be applied in this case, the Data Protection Act does not apply as this relates to information

on people not sites, and the Trust should have no commercial interest in these sites. Can I ask that if the Trust has a commercial interest in these sites can I ask for an explanation of what the interest is?

We are aware that that the locations of only a comparatively small number of PAD sites are in the public domain. Please see the attached list which was correct as at December 2015. We do agree with you that as many locations as possible should be publicly available and we are putting measures in place to ensure that this happens. The immediate measures include:

1. We are writing to the owners of all sites where we are aware that AEDs were located according to the list in our possession. We will be asking for confirmation that the AED is still in the location, the hours it is available and whether the owner is happy for us to make the location publicly available.
2. Historically the Trust has always asked new PAD site holders if they would be willing to share their PAD site details with the Trust to input onto the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system; we have not previously asked if they would be willing for us to share details of their site more widely with members of the public. We have now changed our CAD registration form so new site holders can indicate their willingness to share their details.
3. We are planning to develop or procure a web/app based portal, to identify PAD site locations. The intention is that a member of the public will be able to locate their nearest PAD site from our website either by entering a postcode or by reference to a map. Therefore we will be publishing the data once these developments have been made.

I have to advise that we are withholding the locations of the other PAD sites pending receipt of the above information on the grounds of the exemption contained within s41 of the FOIA- Information provided in confidence. We need to obtain consent from the PAD site holders before this information can be placed in the public domain.

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

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