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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/02/22

You requested the following information:

I am writing to request a project directory which includes a list of subcontractors, suppliers and consultants & telephone numbers involved in the New Ambulance Make Ready Centre at Cophall Farm, Polegate comprising of ambulance vehicle preparation area, vehicle refurbishment facility, changing accommodation with shower facilities, accident & emergency services, office accommodation and training facilities with associated access, landscaping and parking.

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.

We are currently tendering contracts for new MRC's and therefore at this stage to publish information including details of subcontractors, suppliers and consultants 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 am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

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
SK9 5AF

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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