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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/06/13.

You requested the following information:

1. From January 2016 to May 2016, what is your total number of shift hour requirements for paramedics?

The following responses all relate to frontline A & E staff, not just paramedics.

Month / Year	Required hours
January 2016	163,045
February 2016	154,651
March 2016	161,855
April 2016	160,398
May 2016	164,424
TOTAL	804,373

2. What is the total size of the paramedic bank staff population as of June 2016

There are 153 A&E (frontline) staff recorded on our Electronic Staff Records database with a bank assignment as at 31 May 2016.

3. From January 2016 to May 2016, what is the average number of paramedic shift hours covered by Bank staff?

An average of 16 shifts per day Trust wide.

4. From January 2016 to May 2016, what is the average number of paramedic shift hours covered by agency staff?

None.

5. What is the hourly rate paid to an agency when engaging their paramedic services?

I have to advise that I am unable to provide this 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.

6. From January 2016 to May 2016, how much have you spent on recruitment agencies between April 2015 and March 2016 on paramedic staff?

We do not use agencies for paramedic staff.

7. How often do you review your paramedic agency preferred supplier lists?

We do not use agencies for paramedic staff.

8. Do you employ NHS 111 Clinical Advisors?

Yes.

9. If so, Do you use agencies to provide NHS111 Clinical Advisors?

Yes

10. On a monthly basis, what is the average number of NHS 111 Clinical Advisors shift hours covered by agency staff?

Out of 2000 hours a week, 400 are covered by agency clinicians – approximately 20% of planned Clinical Advisor hours across both sites, Ashford and Dorking.

11. What is the hourly rate paid to an agency when engaging their NHS Clinical Advisor services?

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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
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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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