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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/07/16.

You requested the following information:

1. Please advise the total staff headcount that are employed directly by South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, with each part-time employee counted as one employee. Please exclude all temporary agency workers from this figure.

a. Total medical & clinical staff = 2,293

b. Total non-medical & non-clinical staff = 1,010

2. Please identify each supplier that South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has a contract with to supply temporary agency workers.

Please see the list below which shows all the agencies we are currently using.

<u>Agency</u>
Allen Lane Ltd
Badenoch & Clark
Berry Recruitment Ltd
Blue Arrow Ltd
Bollen Hickman Consulting Ltd
Bottom-Line Accounts
Brook Street (UK) Ltd
BRS Jobs Ltd
Call Centre Associates
Carlisle Staffing Plc T/A Tate
Churchill
Concept Resourcing
CTS Global Ltd
DIIR Consulting Ltd
Finegreen Associates
Gatenby Sanderson Ltd

Goodman Masson
Grafters Recruitment
Hallam Medical Ltd
Hays Recruitment
Huntress Search Ltd
James Chase Solutions
Key Recruitment Ltd
Law Morgan Ltd
Matchtech Group Plc
Michael Page International Recruitment Ltd
Mistral Recruitment Solutions Ltd
MLC Partners Ltd
New Appointments Group
Office Angels Ltd
Oscar Associates
Pier Recruitment
Reed Business Support
Reed Specialist Recruitment
Robertson Bell Ltd
ROC Search Ltd
V & A UK Ltd
Venn Group
Vivid Resourcing
Woodrow Mercer Associates LLP

3. Please identify: a. the type of contract that South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has with each of these suppliers (preferred supplier list/ framework/ etc. If framework, please indicate

Please be aware that the Trust does not hold a formal contract with these suppliers. The Trust calls off its requirement under the Framework, each individual agency employee being a separate assignment.

b. which - e.g. MSTAR/ YPO/ Panel London/ Pan London/ NPS All Wales/ Crown Commercial Services/ etc;

Not all agencies we use are on an approved Framework, although we always endeavour to ensure they are, of the ones we have these are the Frameworks used.

<u>Framework</u>
Crown Commercial Services

NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership
NHS London Procurement Partnership

c. whether this is on a neutral/ master/ hybrid vender model, or the lot number.

We have not appointed a neutral or master vendor model.

4. Please advise for each contract identified within (2) above of: a. the current end date of the contract; b. the date(s) that any break clause(s) can be enabled; and c. the length of time of any extension that can be enabled.

As stated in Q3a, we do not have this level of complexity in our contracts as each assignment is treated separately.

5. Please advise of the full name of the main contact at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust who is responsible for the main (or majority of the) contract(s) identified within (2) above, together with their:

- a. job title;**
- b. group (either team, division or department, whichever is the smallest identifiable group);**
- c. telephone number;**
- d. email; and**
- e. full postal address, inc postcode.**

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

6. Please identify all suppliers that South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has sourced a temporary agency worker from - but does not have a contract with - from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

Please refer to the list provided in Q2

7. For each temporary agency supplier (either a. contracted as identified within (2) above; b. non-contracted as identified within (6) above; and c. all workers South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has sourced directly), how much has been spent on each supplier (or directly), from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016?

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.

However we can confirm the total spend on agencies for the year 2015/16 was £6,411,000.

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
40-42 Friars Walk
Lewes
East Sussex
BN7 2XW
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
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

