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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/07/11.

You requested the following information:

*** TOTAL number of ALL types of blood pressure monitors in your Ambulance trust (e.g. 1000 blood pressure monitors overall)**

Over 1000

***Can you please list all the types of blood pressure monitors and its quantities per ambulance (e.g. NIBP - x20, SpO2 - x2), brands, and model. We would like to ask you kindly if you can state this information in a separate spreadsheet document.**

Manual Sphygmamometers and built within our chosen 12 lead ECG machine.

- Manual Sphygmamometer – merlin medical aneroid clip on
- 12 lead – Physio control Life pack 12 & life pack 15.

***A number of devices acquired in yearly basis. Can you please kindly use calendar years. Please mention when was the last 2 purchases.**

Average - Manual – 120 + per year
- In 12 lead – 40-60 per year

*** Minimum and maximum price of a blood pressure monitor. If you cannot provide this information, please give us an average price of a single blood pressure monitor**

I have to advise that I am unable to provide any further 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.

*** Please provide a full contract with supplier of blood pressure equipment**

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*** Which quality tests or quality standards a blood pressure device must pass in order for you to consider it as a good quality blood pressure monitor (e.g. CE Marked)**

CE mark (manual) CE mark & FDA approved (12 lead)

*** Can you please provide regulations and guidelines that your institution follow (we would like to know about national, local and your own guidelines + regulations (if it also possible can you please attach medical device management action card + medical equipment pre-registration form))**

Not applicable

*** What creates extra costs for the usage of monitors? Please break it down in terms of type such as cuffs, maintenance etc on a yearly basis and state its costs.**

Cuffs – average cost per year £200+

Hoses – average cost per year £120

Maintenance (12 lead) – average cost per year is included within contracted price for machine

*** How do you provide maintenance for monitors? (e.g. in house or outsourced)**

Contract with supplier

*** How do you provide training to medical staff when a new blood pressure monitor is introduced in your ambulances? (e.g. manual handbook, training sessions from suppliers)**

In house learning and development , face to face sessions & on line learning packages.

*** How the supply chain is established in your organisation when you order new blood pressure monitors? (e.g. supplier delivers the products, courier or take out?)**

Supplier delivers to Logistics Hub, item then delivered by in house logistics.

*** Do you provide feedback to your suppliers? If "yes" how? (e.g. emailing, calling, submitting a form)**

Face to face regular meetings with suppliers

*** What is the average useful life of a single blood pressure monitor?**

Manual – 2 years

12 lead machine – 7 years

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
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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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