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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/08/08.

You requested the following information:

I am undertaking a research project to evaluate developments in healthcare budgets and am hoping to evaluate the comparative level of spending and contracting out across non-core NHS services. Essentially I am looking for a basic breakdown of existing NHS budgets in 5 key areas.

- **Total annual expenditure on energy services (supply, generation and associated costs of asset management)**
 - **Total annual expenditure on soft FM (reception & concierge, Housekeeping, janitorial, logistics & portage, grounds maintenance & landscaping, helpdesk operation & management, cleaning services, catering, security & vehicle parking, operation & maintenance, critical engineering, fabric maintenance, refrigeration & cooling, building systems management, automation & process systems, installation & projects, asset management)**
 - **Total annual expenditure on hard FM (encompassing technical services, mechanical and electrical maintenance, construction projects, maintenance and inspections, space management, portage)**
 - **Total annual expenditure on security services (encompassing staff and associated costs)**
 - **Total annual expenditure on decontamination & sterilisation services (clinical resources)**
- For the above I would like to know whether the services are provided in-house, contracted-out, or by a mix of both. If they are contracted-out or mixed, I would like to know;**
- **Original estimate of annual contract value**
 - **Contract expiry date**

For ease of response, please see attached table below to fill information into;

| | Energy Services | Soft FM | Hard FM | Security Services | Clinical Resources |
|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Expenditure | | | | N/A | N/A |
| In-house/ Contracted-Out/ Mixed | NA | NA | NA | | |
| Contracted-out – annual contract value | £650K | Cleaning @ £450K | £1m | | |
| Contract expiry date | 2017 | 2017 | Various 2017 | | |

If information on contracted-out service provision has been made available elsewhere, I would be grateful if you could point me in the right direction.

Please see the table above completed with requested information.

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.

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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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
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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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