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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/10/32.

You requested the following information:

1. Who is your Head of Procurement for the NHS Trust?

- **Name; Job title; Telephone number; Email address**

Please contact our procurement team via email: procurement@secamb.nhs.uk

2. Who is responsible for Agency Nursing within the NHS Trust?

- **Name; Job title; Telephone number; Email address**

Not Applicable - We do not employ Agency Nurses

3. What procurement Framework is the Trust currently aligned to for Agency staff i.e. Crown Commercial Service (CCS), Health Trust Europe (HTE), London Procurement Programme (LPP) or no framework?

- **Which staffing categories is this for i.e. 'Nursing', 'Nursing – Healthcare Assistants', 'Locum Doctors', 'Admin and clerical' or other similar categories?**

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

These cover the categories of Admin and Clerical and HealthCare Assistant and other support.

4. If the answer to Question 3 states that the Trust is aligned to a Framework, please provide a breakdown of the “on framework” agencies used for each staffing category with the number of hours supplied over the last 12 months, and a breakdown of expenditure across these agencies

- **Which agencies were used for:**
 - o **Nursing**
 - o **Nursing - Healthcare Assistants**
 - o **Locum Doctors**
 - o **Admin and clerical**

The following were used for Admin & Clerical:

Allen Lane Ltd
Badenoch & Clark
Blue Arrow Ltd
Brook Street (UK) Ltd
Carlisle Staffing PLC T/a Tate
Reed Specialist Recruitment
Michael Page International Recruitment Ltd
Office Angels Ltd
Venn Group Ltd
Woodrow Mercer Associates LLP
New Appointments Group
Concept Information Technology Ltd
Law Morgan Ltd

The above companies were used at a cost of £2,223,225 for 54,932 hours. The hours are based on the number of staff, period of employment and average hours worked per week.

The following were used for support for HealthCare Assistants and other support:

Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd
Hallam Medical Ltd
Berry Recruitment Ltd

The above companies were used at a cost of £1,239,448 for 79,623 hours. As above, the hours are based on the number of staff, period of employment and average hours worked per week.

5. Please state if there is any “off framework” usage over the past 12 months. If so, please provide a breakdown of the off framework agencies used for each staffing category with the

number of hours supplied over the last 12 months, and a breakdown of expenditure across these agencies

- **Which agencies were used for:**
 - o **Nursing**
 - o **Nursing - Healthcare Assistants**
 - o **Locum Doctors**
 - o **Admin and clerical**

The following were used for Admin & Clerical:

Pier Recruitment Ltd
Vivid Resourcing Ltd
CTS Global Ltd
Mistral Recruitment Solutions Ltd
MLC Partners Ltd
James Chase Solutions
BRS Jobs Ltd
Bollen Hickman Consulting Ltd
Churchill
HR Provider
Call Centre Associates

- **Total hours for:**
 - o **Nursing**
 - o **Nursing - Healthcare Assistants**
 - o **Locum Doctors**
 - o **Admin and clerical**
- **Breakdown of expenditure across these agencies**

The above companies were used at a cost of £1,903,743 for 40,869 hours. As above, the hours are based on the number of staff, period of employment and average hours worked per week.

The following company was used support for HealthCare Assistant and other support
Huntress Search Ltd.

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.

6. What was the total annual agency spend by the NHS Trust in financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16?

The total spend on agencies for the last two financial years is listed in the table below:

Financial Year	Total expenditure
2014/2015	£4,666,000
2015/2016	£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
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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
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust