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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/05/22.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**I am writing to obtain information about elections to the Trust's Council of Governors, for all elections held since 2012.**

**Please include the following information:**

**- Date of ballot**

All details are available on our website via the following link:

[http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/get\\_involved/become\\_a\\_governor/governor\\_elections.aspx](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/get_involved/become_a_governor/governor_elections.aspx)

**- Balloting company used**

We previously used Electoral Reform Services for all elections up to the currently underway election from Brighton and Hove, where we are using UK Engage.

**- Total number of eligible voters**

This is set out in the documents on our website for each election via the link above

**- Number of ballots issued (if different from the above)**

This is set out in the documents on our website for each election via the link above

**- Number of votes cast**

This is set out in the documents on our website for each election via the link above

**- Number of paper ballots**

Unfortunately, this information is not provided by the elections company

**- Number of electronic ballots**

Unfortunately, this information is not provided by the elections company

**- Turnout**

This is set out in the documents on our website for each election via the link above

**- Total Cost for each election**

2018 – Awaiting invoice

2017 – £9,844.68

2016 – £10,335.00

2015 – £1,429.04

2014 – £2,284.00

2013 – £15,440.92

2012 - £1,318.28

**- Cost charge by balloting company for admin**

Unfortunately, we do not have this information as costs are not broken down in this way

**- Cost charged for scrutineering including staff**

Unfortunately, we do not have this information as costs are not broken down in this way

**- Costs for other services**

Unfortunately, we do not have this information as costs are not broken down in this way

**- Any events or activities either social, marketing, CPD that your existing and potential ballot suppliers invite you too**

We have not been invited to any events by UK Engage or ERS

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

[FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator  
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