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Dear Lara

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference number FOI/13/10/33.

You requested the following information:

Could you please inform me if there is any EPCR = Electronic Patient Care Reporting device in the ambulances of SECAMB right now?

No, we do not have any EPCR devices currently in SECAMB ambulances.

SECAMB is the only Trust that pulled out of the procurement OJEU 2012/S 244-40170. The procurement was awarded to Ortivus to deliver the EPCR called Mobimed.

I would like board meeting protocols from 2013 where Ortivus is mentioned and EPCR discussed. This includes potential documents with evaluations and assessments of EPCR suppliers.

Whilst members of the Trust Board were kept abreast of progress throughout the South Ambulance Program OJEU procurement it was not formally discussed and minuted at Board meetings.

SECAMB informed the SAMP central team based with the HSCIC (Health and Social Care Information Centre) who had managed the procurement process on behalf of the participating Trusts, of the intention to withdraw on the 15th July and formally informed Ortivus on the 22nd August 2013.

All documentation relating to evaluation and assessment of supplier responses to the OJEU procurement was managed by the Central HSCIC Team.

Provide also all correspondence between South East Coast Ambulance Service and the supplier Ortivus.

All correspondence with Ortivus as part of the procurement was conducted by the central team apart from the letter (copy attached) confirming the Trust withdrawal.

This decision was reached following assessment of the current status of the procurement overall and that it was no longer aligned to this Trust's strategic objectives.

Please see below the Trust statement circulated for the information of staff, stakeholders and press enquiries by our Communications Team:

"SECAmb remains committed to introducing IT which supports the delivery of Electronic Patient Clinical Records (ECPRs). However, we are exploring options for devices which will be able to provide more than ECPRs to our crews. We want to maximise the use of any technology we introduce within the Trust so it can benefit a number of tasks and cater for a variety of job roles. We are currently reviewing the options available to us which include partnership working and access to other central sources of potential funding."

SECAmb Communications Team can be contacted directly at enquiries@secamb.nhs.uk

I would also like to add that last week the invitations to the EPCR Software Market Test event on 18th November 2013 were sent out to potential suppliers, one of which was Ortivus. They have responded positively that it is their intention to attend.

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:

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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
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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

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