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Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which we received on the 28 April.

You asked NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) for Kent, Surrey and Sussex to provide the following information:

- How many commissioner/provider contracts in the South East Coast strategic health authority area for 2011/12 were not signed on April 1 2011?

There were 17 contracts not signed by 1 April 2011.

- Which trusts are involved in each dispute, what services are involved, and what is the value of the disputed contract?

There are no current disputes between providers and commissioners concerning contracts and no arbitration procedures in place.

- Whether there are any contracts which are currently running on a 'pay as you go' basis because sign-off was not achieved in time for the new financial year.

The SHA does not hold this information.

I hope this information is helpful, but if you are unhappy with this response please let us know, giving your reasons. It will then be considered by one of our executive directors who will respond in writing. This letter will also include details about how to contact the Information Commissioner.

We would welcome your feedback on how you feel we have managed your request and whether there is anything you think we could have done to improve our processes. If you have any comments that you wish to pass on, please email [foi@southeastcoast.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@southeastcoast.nhs.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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