



3 February 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 473

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Doctors and Nurses Employed within the  
Emergency Department**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 14 January 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Medicine, Unscheduled Care and Cancer Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. How many doctors, physician associates and nurses do you employ in your Accident and Emergency department?**

A1. Please see below:

- Table 1 for Nurses employed within the Emergency Department (ED).
- Table 2 for Doctors, and physician associates employed within ED.

Table 1 - Nurses

Staff Category	No. Employed
Band 3 Health Care Assistant	22.22*
Band 5 Nurse	44.44*
Band 6 Nurse	66.66*
Band 7 Nurse	16.67*
Band 8A Nurse	1.00*

\*please note this figure is funded whole time equivalents. Which are full-time members of staff on a 37.5 hour weekly contract.

Table 2

Staff Category	No. Employed
Consultants	27
Speciality Doctor/Associate Specialist	29
Trainee Doctors	46**
GP/Doctor	8
Locums	71**
Ad Hoc Locums	18***

\*\*This is the total number of medical staff who were employed in the Ulster ED for the period January – December 2024. Due to rotation taking place twice yearly, and medical staff moving to other hospitals/specialties, the numbers do not reflect the actual staffing levels within the ED at any one time.

\*\*\*This reflects medical staff who work shifts on an ad hoc basis only, and do not undertake regular shift work within the Ulster ED.

**Q2. Please state the colour of the scrubs each of these roles is required to wear in your Accident and Emergency department:**

- **Doctors**
- **Physician Associates**
- **Nurses**

A2. Please see Table 3.

Table 3

<b>Staff Category</b>	<b>Colour of Scrubs</b>
Doctors	Provide their own scrubs – no standard colour
Physician Associates	N/A
Band 8A Nurse	Navy Tunic, White Trim
Band 7 Nurse	Red Tunic, Navy Trim
Band 6 Nurse	Royal Blue Tunic, White Trim
Band 5 Nurse	Blue Tunic, White Trim
Band 3 Health Care Assistant	Blue Stripe Tunic, Navy Trim
Band 2 Health Care Assistant	Blue Stripe Tunic, White Trim
Emergency Nurse Practitioners/Specialist Nurses	Maroon Scrubs or Maroon Tunic, White Trim
Advanced Nurse Practitioners	Grey Scrubs

**Q3. Are there any visual indicators a doctor, a physician associate or a nurse might display to illustrate their role in your Accident and Emergency department? If none please state**

A3. Please see Table 4.

Table 4

<b>Staff Category</b>	<b>Illustration of Role</b>
Nurse	Name Badge and Lanyard
Consultant SAS Trainees	Will generally have a named Lanyard
Locums	May wear an NHS or Doctor in Emergency Medicine Lanyard, however neither are a requirement.
Physician Associate	N/A