



10 February 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 476

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Information in relation to Contractors in the Mechanical Team in Lagan Valley**

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 17 January 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estate 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. Could you tell me since 2018 how many times has the mechanical team in Lagan Valley had 2 operatives covering the on-call rota, and could you provide me with a breakdown of the dates.**
- Q2. Could you provide me since 2018 how many times 2 Electricians, has covered a 1 in 3 on-call rota, and could you provide me with a breakdown of the dates.**
- Q3. Has any of the Lagan Valley Electricians or Mechanical operatives covered more than 3 weeks in a row. If so could you provide dates and details.**

A1-3. In response to questions 1, 2 & 3 the information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this statement acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of questions 1, 2 & 3.

- Q4. Could you Supply me with a breakdown how much it has cost the Estates Department to employ a contractor to cover the Downshire Hospital Mechanical on-call rota including sub-contractors (Glenvale waste) From the 1st of November 2024 to date.**

A4. The Trust is unable to provide the cost associated with a contractor covering the specified time period as no invoice has been submitted to date. Glenvale Waste are not employed to provide an on call service for the Trust.