

4 July 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1225

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to April 2025 Agency Spend**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above, which you requested on 9 June 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Finance and Estates 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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**Olivia Robinson**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. Please can you provide me with the Agency Spend, split between the 3 individual staff groups below:**

- **Agency Registered Nurses (All specialities e.g. adult nursing, children's nursing, community, mental health, midwives, etc.) – April 2025**
- **Agency Health Care Support Workers – April 2025**
- **Agency Doctors - April 2025**

A1. Please see Table 1 below, for the figures of agency spend for the months of April and May 2025 combined and the average of the 2 month period.

<b>Category</b>	<b>April &amp; May 2025 Combined</b>	<b>April/May Average</b>
Agency Registered Nurse	2,947,000	1,473,500
Agency Health Care Support Workers	1,359,170	679,585
Agency Doctors	2,810,542	1,405,271

Please note, with regards to the table above, that the Trust is not required to report expenditure in April 2025 as our finance system does not reflect the adjustments required to provide accurate figures for the month of April 2025 alone.

Additionally, Agency Health Care Support Workers have been assumed to mean Healthcare assistants (Agenda for Change Band 2 and Band 3).