



3 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1300

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Private Healthcare 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 above which you requested on 21 July 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & 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) 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. The total amount spent each financial year from 1 April 2020 to the most recent available date on private sector providers to deliver medical procedures, treatments, or diagnostic services for NHS patients.

Please break this information down by:

a. Financial year (e.g., 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, etc.)

b. Type of procedure/treatment/service, where available (e.g., surgeries, diagnostic scans, mental health services, etc.)

c. Name of private provider/organisation, where available.

A1. Please see Table 1 for the total amount spent on private sector providers to deliver medical procedures, treatments, or diagnostic services for Trust patients for the financial year from 2020 to 2025.

Please see Table 2 for the procedure type, service and provider name.

Table 1

Financial Year	Total Spend
2020/2021	£10,079,801
2021/2022	£14,890,245
2022/2023	£15,468,664
2023/2024	£15,461,655
2024/2025	£15,739,426

Table 2

Provider	Speciality/Service	Type of Procedure
Fitzwilliam	Plastics	New OP Consultations and Day Cases e.g. Minor Skin Procedures, Major Skin Procedures etc.
Orthoderm	Dermatology	New OP Consultations, reviews and Day Cases e.g. Dermatology Cryotherapy, Skin Punch Biopsy, Lesion, Curettage etc.
Orthoderm	Gynaecology	New OP Consultations, Reviews and Day Cases e.g. Endometrial Biopsy, Hysterectomy. IP – Hysterectomy
Orthoderm	Upper GI	New OP Consultations, Reviews and Day Cases e.g. Colonoscopy, OGD
Orthoderm	Urology	New OP Consultations, Reviews and Day Cases e.g. Urology Cystoscopes
Alliance Medical	Radiology	Diagnostic, MRI, CT and Ultrasound and Echo Scans
Alliance Clinical Services	Endoscopy	Colonoscopy, OGD, Flexi Scopes and Cystoscopes - Insourcing

Alliance Clinical Services	Radiology	Radiology – Procedures and Reporting - Insourcing
Alliance Clinical Services	Ophthalmology	Cataracts - Insourcing
Heartflow	Cardiology	Cardiology Diagnostic Testing
Everlight	Radiology	Radiology Diagnostic Testing
Friends Medical	Radiology	Radiology Diagnostic Testing
Cathedral	Dermatology	New Op Consultations, Reviews and Day Cases e.g. Dermatology Cryotherapy, Punch Biopsy, Minor/Major Skin Procedures
Blackrock	SLNB	Inpatient – Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SLNB)
Hibernian	Pathology	Pathology Testing

Q2. If possible, please also provide the number of patients or procedures covered by this spend each year.

A2. Please see Table 3 for the number of patients covered by the spend provided within Table 1.

Table 3

Financial Year	No. of Patients
2020/2021	30,083
2021/2022	47,503
2022/2023	38,672
2023/2024	44,837
2024/2025	36,847