

15 February 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19400

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Policies on NHS Continuing Healthcare decisions**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 18 January 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Older People and Primary Care Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

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Q1. *Could you please provide me with the policies on how NHS hospitals, institutions and homes in your trust make NHS Continuing Healthcare decisions.*

A2. The Trust uses the Policy circular which was issued by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) in 2010, Care Management, Provision of Services and Charging Guidance. This framework informs all comprehensive multi-disciplinary assessments. I have attached a copy of the circular for your convenience.

The Trust awaits further policy guidance on this matter from the Department of Health, formerly DHSSPS.