

27 March 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19730

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Spend on Repairing Flexible Endoscopes and
Service Contracts etc**

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 25 February 2017.

A response in respect of the procedures listed below has been provided by Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

- Gastrosopes
- Colonoscopes
- Duodenoscopes
- Bronchoscopes

Please note flexible hysteroscope are not use within Hospital Services.

A response in respect of Flexible ENT scopes will follow in due course.

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**

As per the 'The Freedom of Information Act 2000' I would like answers to the two following questions:

Q1) *Between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016, in monetary terms, how much did NHS NORTHERN IRELAND hospitals IN TOTAL, spend on either repairing flexible endoscopes or spend on service contracts for the following equipment:*

- *Gastrosopes*
- *Colonoscopes*
- *Duodenoscopes*
- *Bronchoscopes*

A1. The total service contracts for the above (which also includes repairs) for the Trust is as follows:-

2015/2016 - £225,870.68

Q2) *Between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016, in monetary terms, how much did NHS NORTHERN IRELAND hospitals BY TRUST/HOSPITAL, spend on either repairing flexible endoscopes or spend on service contracts for the following equipment:*

- *Gastrosopes*
- *Colonoscope*
- *Duodenoscopes*
- *Bronchoscopes*

A2. The service contracts for the above (which also includes repairs) for the Trust is as follows:-

2016/2017 - £268,719.86

(the increase in cost is due to the purchase of additional scopes)