

19 April 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20048

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Hospital Vacancies**

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 3 April 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources & Corporate Affairs 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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Appendix A

- 1) *How many vacancies in your hospital (s) are currently unfilled (as of today when you compile the answers to this FOI)?*
- A1. As at 7 April 2017 there were a total of 806 vacancies.
- 2) *How many of those unfilled vacancies are for nursing jobs?*
- A2. A total of 343 unfilled vacancies are for nursing jobs.
- 3) *How many of those unfilled vacancies are for consultant jobs?*
- A3. A total of 9 unfilled vacancies are for consultant jobs.
- 4) *How many of those unfilled vacancies are for roles within your ICU (if applicable)?*
- A4. Of the unfilled vacancies 2 are for roles within the ICU department.
- 5) *How many of those unfilled vacancies were first advertised over 6 months ago (first posted in October 2016 or before)?*
- A5. The above information is not recorded on the Human Resources system.
- 6) *What is the longest duration any of your current vacancies has remained unfilled?*
- A6. Up to 6 months.