

Information Governance

8 May 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19892

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Cost of Agency Social Workers from 2012 –
1 March 2017**

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 14 March 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates 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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- 1) Please state the total amount spent by your authority's children's services department on agency social workers in each of the following financial years.
- i) 2012-13
 - ii) 2013-14
 - iii) 2014-15
 - iv) 2015-16
 - v) 2016-17 to 1st March 2017
- 2) Please state the total amount spent by your authority's adult services department on agency social workers in each of the following financial years.
- i) 2012-13
 - ii) 2013-14
 - iii) 2014-15
 - iv) 2015-16
 - v) 2016-17 to 1st March 2017
- 3) Please state the total amount spent by other departments of your local authority that employ social workers on agency social workers in each of the following financial years.

This may include, for example, hospital social workers.

- i) 2012-13
- ii) 2013-14
- iii) 2014-15
- iv) 2015-16
- v) 2016-17 to 1st March 2017

A1-3 Please see response provided in Table 1 below for Questions 1-3, for the period 2014 - 2017:-

Table 1

	Adults Services	Children's Services	Primary Care & Older People	Total
2016/2017-11 MONTHS	103,099	666,350	67,608	837,056
2015/2016	33,155	1,123,247	41,397	1,197,799
2014/2015	48017.07	528169.97	35912.44	612,099

The financial years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 are held on historic financial system and cannot be broken down by Adults Services and Children's

Services. However, the total spend on agency social workers is provided in Table 2 below:-

Table 2

Financial Year	Total Spend
2012/2013	£552,703
2013/2014	£553,366

- 4) Please state the average period of time individual agency social workers spent working at your local authority in the 2016-17 financial year to date. Please provide a figure in days.

You might respond for example, that the average placement length of an agency social worker within your authority was 30 days.

Please provide figures for your:

- a) Children's services department
- b) Adults services department

A4. The above information is not held by the Finance Department.

- 5) Please state the average daily cost to your authority of hiring an agency social worker in the 2016-17 financial year to date.

You might respond for example, that the average cost is £150 a day.

Please provide figures for your

- a) Children's services department
- b) Adults services department

A5. Please see response provided below in Table 3.

Table 3

Programme of Care	Daily Rate
Adult Services	£151
Children's Services	£161

The above rates are on the basis of a full 7.5 hour day.