

12 June 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20477

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Substitute Prescribing Programme**

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 22 May 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services & Prison Healthcare 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

Q1. *How many individuals are currently receiving opiate substitution treatment within the community setting?*

A1. There are currently 90 patients in receipt of opiate substitution treatment within our community treatment setting and 1 patient currently being assessed for suitability for treatment.

Q2 *Is there currently a waiting list for individuals to begin receiving Opiate Substitution Treatment (i.e. Methadone or Buprenorphine)?*

A2. The Trust does not operate a waiting list for opiate substitution treatment. Patients who are opiate dependent and are suitable for opiate substitution treatment are seen as a priority group.

Q3. The total amount spent by the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust on the provision of Opioid Substitution Treatment:

A3. The Trust's expenditure on opiate substitution treatment in each of the last 2 years is as follows:

Table 1

Year	Expenditure
2015/16	£ 103,396
2016/17	£ 104,430