

6 November 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21625

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Referrals, Number of Consultants Employed within
Specific Specialties for the Period 2014 - 2016**

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 10 October 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services and 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

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Appendix A

1. How many consultants do you have in this Trust per calendar year for the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, in the last three calendar years? Please separate by calendar year 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.

Number of consultants working in the Trust

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology
2014	11	3	2	Nil	5
2015	11	3	2	Nil	5
2016	11	3	2	Nil	5
Total	11	3	6	Nil	5

2. How many first outpatient referrals from GPs were received per calendar year for the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, in the last three calendar years? Please separate by calendar year 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.

Number of first outpatient referrals received

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology
2014	19,966	4141	2927	12,011	989
2015	24,917	3,900	2694	12,462	629
2016	20,585	3,787	2,768	12,861	564
Total	65,468	11,828	8,389	37,334	2,182

NB: Orthopaedics - The Trust does not deliver elective care. The Trust sees trauma and orthopaedic patients.

Gastroenterology – is a sub speciality and coding is incorporated within general medicine rather than gastroenterology.

3. How many consultant-seen first outpatient appointments were carried out per calendar year for the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, in the last three calendar years? Please separate by calendar year 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.

Number of consultant-seen first outpatient appointments

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology
2014	7759	1597	1409	4181	4874
2015	13567	1666	1217	5484	5172
2016	14332	2560	1297	4973	6378
Total	35658	5823	3923	14638	16424

4. How many patients were still on the waiting list for their first outpatient appointment on the 31st December for the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, in the last three calendar years? Please separate by calendar year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.

Number of patients still on waiting list for first outpatient appointment on 31st December

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology
2013	213	1393	916	2499	1804
2014	179	2129	1926	3281	4153
2015	701	1694	2814	3861	5291
2016	701	1694	2814	3861	5291
Total	1093	5216	5656	9641	11248