

Information Governance

28 November 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21630

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Monies Paid to Contracted and Non-Contracted
Agencies for the Period September 2015 – September 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 10 October 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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Please provide a breakdown of how much the Trust paid out to (a) contracted agencies and (b) Non-contracted agencies for nurses and other medical staff (eg consultants)

From September 2015 to September 2017 (if information for these dates is not yet readily available then I will accept the information for the 2015-2017 financial years or calendar years).

Could you please provide the information broken down as follows for each agency:-

- *Name of agency (if a decision is taken to withhold the agency name under an FOI exemption please provide an alternative reference for the agency, such as agency A, agency B, etc.*
- *If agency is contracted or non-contracted agency.*
- *Number of nurses hired and/or number of nursing hours.*
- *The amount paid by the Trust to the agency in each of the above cases. Please specify in each case the Grade of Nurse.*
- *Number of other medical staff (please specify type of medical staff, eg consultant) and/or work hours.*
- *The amount paid by the Trust to the agency in each of the above cases. Please specify type of other medical staff.*
- *Overall amount paid to each agency.*

Please see Table 1 attached which provides the overall agency costs associated with Nursing and Medical Agency Staff by financial year.

Agency names have been anonymised and reference in the attached Table as 'Agency 1, Agency 2, Agency 3 etc.

Figures regarding the number of nurses/medical staff hired or hours engaged are not centrally recorded on Trust systems, therefore are unavailable.