

9 November 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21674

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to GP Out of Hours Services**

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 12 October 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Primary Care & Older Peoples 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

For the period 1st January 2015 – 30 September 2017:-

Q1. *How many different locums and GPs were employed in the Out of Hours facilities?*

A1. There were over 240 individual GPs working shifts during the period 1 January 2015 – 30 September 2017.

Locums are not used by the GP Out of Hours services.

Q2. *What was the average cost per shift for each locum and GP at each facility?*

A2. Please note there are various shift patterns worked, however all payments are in line with the Regional GP Out Of Hours Service Commissioners.

The payment for an average five hour sessional shift at weekends is £352 and a weekday shift is £265

Q3. *The highest amount paid to any locum and GP in that time frame?*

A3. The exceptional rates agreed with Commissioner for a limited period on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve were £152 per hour for a sessional doctor.

Q4. *The total cost to each trust in that time frame?*

A4. Please see response provided in Table 1 below:-

Table 1

	Salaries & Wages	Goods & Services	Total Financial Year End
6 months to 30 - September 2017	2,055,984	33,506	2,089,490
Year ended 31 March 2017	4,667,859	67,978	4,735,837
Year ended 31 March 2016	4,415,545	74,700	4,490,245
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	1,090,585	19,109	1,109,694
Total cost	12,229,973	195,293	12,425,266

Q5. *How many empty shifts were there at Out of Hours facilities in each Trust in that time frame?"*

A5. The information requested is not centrally held; therefore the Trust is unable to provide this information.