

21 September 2018

Our Ref: RFI 24846

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Palliative Care social workers**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 23 August 2018.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older People Directorate.

Q. *Number of palliative care social workers who work within the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust as at 31 March 2018.*

A. As at 31 March 2018, the Trust employs 1 (0.5 whole time equivalent) Band 7 palliative care social worker.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

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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