

Information Governance

6 September 2018

Our Ref: RFI 24581

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Trust Spend on Locum Doctors and Agency
Nurses**

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 7 August 2018 and your confirmation email of 10th August 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance and Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

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

Catherine Treanor
Information Governance Assistant

How much your Trust has spent on (i.) locum doctors and (ii.) agency nurses over each of the last two financial years, broken down by each hospital site.

Please see Table 1 below in relation to Locum Doctors. The costs below are based on Trust cost centre structure that locum doctors are charged against however medical staff can work across various hospital sites. Mental Health locum costs are not spilt by hospital site but reported centrally, these Medical Staff work across various sites. This response relates to locum doctors who work in a hospital setting.

Please see Table 2 below in relation to Agency Nurses. Agency nursing costs covers Band 2 to Band 8a Nursing staff. This response relates to nursing agency who work in a hospital setting

Table 1

| | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ards Hospital | 78,539 | 87,563 |
| Downe Hospital | 873,759 | 1,445,582 |
| Lagan Valley Hospital | 1,161,725 | 1,209,781 |
| Ulster Hospital | 5,265,697 | 5,410,578 |
| Mental Health Various Sites | 617,078 | 331,449 |

Table 2

| | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Downe Hospital | 74,665 | 86,344 |
| Lagan Valley Hospital | 227,847 | 327,083 |
| Ulster Hospital | 716,121 | 1,125,504 |
| Downshire Hospital | 470 | 3,395 |
| Ards Hospital | 970 | 3,560 |
| Cardiac Investigation Units (over LVH/Downe/Ulster) | - | 49,249 |