

5 October 2018

Our Ref: RFI 24967

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to replacement of soft furnishings for homes in which
children are deemed to be at risk**

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 31 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**

In the three years between July 2015 and July 2018 how much money has been authorised for replacement soft furnishings for homes in which children are deemed to be at risk?

The information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

However we can confirm that the following expenditure was incurred on bedding and linen:

July 2015 to June 2016	£13,034
July 2016 to June 2017	£19,426
July 2017 to June 2018	£4,693

The majority of the expenditure above related to Children's Residential Homes & the Regional Secure Children's facility.

If you were to provide a list of soft furnishing suppliers the Trust could interrogate the finance system to determine how much has been procured from them. However this information would only be possible for the Trust as a whole and not specifically for children deemed to be at risk.