

12 March 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22577

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Trust Use of Messaging Apps**

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 31 January 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance and Informatics 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**

- Q1. How many hospitals have a policy regarding the use of messaging apps by their staff?**
- Q2. A list of hospitals that have a policy.**
- Q3. Does the policy forbid the use of social messaging apps for sharing patient information?**

A1-3. There is no such policy in place within the Trust.

- Q4. A list of hospitals that are paying for messaging apps**

A4. No messaging apps are paid for within the Trust.

- Q5. For the last 3 financial years (2014/15 - 2016/17) what is the total amount spent by hospitals on messaging apps?**
- Q6. A list of the suppliers/vendors.**
- Q7. What is the contract type?**
- Q8. When does the contract start/end?**

A5-8. Not applicable.