

17 April 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22870

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Spend on Taxis Services and Deaths due to
Malnutrition, Hypothermia**

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 8 March 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources & Corporate Affairs and the Planning, Performance & Informatics Directorates 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

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Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

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Q1. Please disclose how much has been paid by the South Eastern Trust in taxis to facilitate the movement of patients between sites or other service. Please provide details for each of the past 3 financial years.

A1. Please see Table 1 below:-

South Eastern Trust - Client Taxi Annual Costs

	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
	to 28 Jan 2017						
Core							
Transport							
Miscellaneous	315,794	507,679	267,201	217,005	91,456	21,959	22,259
Gross To Year	344,503						
Non Core							
Client Taxis	571,599	588,623	583,872	791,747			
Patient Taxis	133,857	70,092	179,198	18,742			
Staff Taxis	986	985	31,546	3,846			
	706,442	659,700	794,616	814,335	1,007,384	934,412	1,014,604
Gross To Year	770,664						
TOTAL	1,115,167	1,167,379	1,061,817	1,031,340	1,098,840	956,371	1,036,863

NB:- These figures include private taxi and bus hire companies.

Q2. Please disclose how many deaths have been recorded by the South Eastern Trust within each of the last three years.

A2. Please see Table 2 below:-

Table 2

Financial Year	Deaths within the South Eastern Trust (ex stillbirths)
2014/2015	1356
2015/2016	1240
2016/2017	1343

Q3. Out of these figures how many where in whole or in part due to malnutrition?

A3. Please see Table 3 below:-

Table 3

Financial Year	Deaths Malnutrition within the South Eastern Trust
2014/2015	<10
2015/2016	<10
2016/2017	<10

NB:- The figures provided in Table 3 have been masked. The procedure of masking figures is used when there are low numbers (fewer than 10) within a small geographical area.

Q4. Out of these figures how many where in whole or part due to hypothermia?

A4. Please see Table 4 below:-

Table 4

	Deaths Hypothermia within the South Eastern Trust
2014/2015	<10
2015/2016	<10
2016/2017	<10

NB:- The figures provided in Table 4 have been masked. The procedure of masking figures is used when there are low numbers (fewer than 10) within a small geographical area.

Q5. *Out of these figures how many were classed as being homeless or street homeless?*

A5. I can confirm that the information requested is not held by the Trust as it is not required for any Trust business purpose.