

Information Governance

24 July 2018

Our Ref: RFI 23647

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to off-contract and contracted agency spend**

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 30 May 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & 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

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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. I am making a formal request under the Freedom of Information act, for total spend to date on the contract broken down by

- a. Off contract agency spend**
- b. Contracted agency spend**
- c. Total contract spend to date**
- d. Number of agencies supplying off contract**

We require both; last year's spend and this year since the start of the contract

A1a.

Year	Spend
2017/2018	£1,143,627
2018/2019	£240,378

A1b.

Year	Spend
2017/2018	£1,869,221
2018/2019	£353,722

A1c. The total contract spend from 01/04/2017 to date is £3,606,948.

A1d. For the financial year of 2017/2018, the Trust used 7 agencies to supply off contract nursing.