

10 November 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18252

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Percentage of Doctor’s Shifts in each Emergency Department on your Hospital sites were covered by either a permanent member of staff or a trainee allocated by NIMDTA

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 7 September 2016. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with the attached response.

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 Lynda McAree, Head of Information Governance 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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Q1. *I would like the following information for the months of August 2015 and August 2016.*

What percentage of Doctor's shifts in each of the Emergency Departments on your Hospital sites were covered by either a permanent member of staff or a trainee allocated by NIMDTA.

A1. Please see response provided in Tables 1-3 below:-

Table 1

Downe ED	Percentage August 2015	Percentage August 2016
Shifts covered by either a permanent member of staff or a trainee allocated by NIMDTA	58%	47%
Shifts covered by a locum*	42%	53%

Table 2

Lagan Valley ED	Percentage August 2015	Percentage August 2016
Shifts covered by either a permanent member of staff or a trainee allocated by NIMDTA	80%	58%
Shifts covered by a locum*	20%	42%

Table 3

Ulster ED	Percentage August 2015	Percentage August 2016
Shifts covered by either a permanent member of staff or a trainee allocated by NIMDTA	76%	68%
Shifts covered by a locum*	24%	32%

NB Locum* - This includes agency locum, e-locum and Trust locum (Trust staff covering shifts above their normal working hours.)