

Information Governance

4 November 2016

**Our Ref:** RFI 18447

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Re: Information on Prison Healthcare contract of services. All documents pertaining to the outsourcing of Prison Healthcare in NI by NIPS to the SEHSCT.**

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 21 September 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised 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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**L McAree (Miss)**  
**Head of Information Governance &**  
**Directorate Support**

- Q1. *I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) all documents pertaining to the outsourcing of prison healthcare in Northern Ireland by the Northern Ireland Prison Service to the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT).*

*One such document that I wish to obtain is the 'contract of service's' also referred to by SEHSCT Staff as the 'service agreement'. This document was signed by individuals who represented both of the stakeholder organisations i.e. the Northern Ireland Prison Service and the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.*

- A1. There is no service agreement. The attached partnership agreement was drafted and signed by the Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) and the Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) to support the transfer of responsibility for prison healthcare from justice to health. There is no further service agreement.