

29 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26870

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Trust's Spend on Locum Agency Doctors**

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 14 January 2019.

A response to the question 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 –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. 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 would like you to send me the locum agency spend for Doctors for the hospital in acute settings as well as the community for each specialism. I would like to know the spend from January 2018 - present, also including the amount of locums that this refers to per month, broken down on a monthly basis. In the breakdown if you could please include the agencies that provide the locums also broken down numerically. Ideally this would read as below -
January 2018 - £80k Community - £200k Acute
A&E
ID Medical – SPR x 2 Consultant x1
Athona – SHO x 2
RIG – Consultant x 1
Ophthalmology
RIG- Consultant x1
Urology
Your World- Consultant x1
Then a breakdown all the way to as present as possible.

- A1. Please find attached a spreadsheet (Attachment 1) providing the information you requested. This includes
- a) The locum agency spend for doctors for the hospital in acute settings as well as the community for each specialism from January 2018 – present by month (Table 1).
 - b) The number of locums that this refers to, broken down on a monthly basis (Table 2).
 - c) The agencies that provide the locums. In respect of this part, it is not possible to provide the information requested as the analysis required would exceed the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the Act. However, we are able to provide the names of the agencies which have provided medical staff to SEHSCT (Table 3).