

17 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26740

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Provision of Dermatology Services**

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 2 January 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services 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

**Catherine Treanor
Information Governance Assistant**

Q1. The population covered.

A1. The Trust population is 340,000.

Q2. The number of Consultant Dermatologists that you employ.

A2. The Trust employs six Consultant Dermatologists who are employed in a full time or part time capacity.

Q3. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology.

A3. There are no locums working in the Dermatology Department.

Q4. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology who are not on the specialist register.

A4. There are no locums working in the Dermatology Department.

Q5. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology who are not on the specialist register and are working in isolation (i.e. single-handed).

A5. There are no locums working in the Dermatology Department.

Q6. If the Trust has dermatology services available for ward patients and emergency room (ER) on a daily basis.

A6. The Trust provides Dermatology Services for wards and the Accident and Emergency Department.

Q7. The number of Consultant Dermatologists that undertake community clinics.

A7. All Dermatology Clinics are based on hospital sites.

Q8. Do any Consultant Dermatologists employed by the Trust work wholly in the community?

A8. There are no Consultant Dermatologists who work in the community.