

07 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26335

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to renovation/expansion building projects**

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 5 December 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance and 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. What were the number of structural renovation / expansion projects carried out by the Trust in:

- **2015/2016**
- **2016/2017**

A1. 2015/2016 – There were 10 structural renovation / expansion projects carried out.
2016/2017 – There were 8 structural renovation / expansion projects carried out.

Q2. What are the number of structural renovation / expansion projects planned by the Trust in:

- **2018/2019**
- **2019/2020**

A2. 2018/2019 -There are 6 structural renovation / expansion projects planned.
2019/2020 -There are 10 structural renovation / expansion projects planned.

Q3. What are the nature of the renovation/ expansion projects planned e.g. ward reconfiguration, hospital expansion etc.

A3. The nature of the renovation / expansion projects planned is general refurbishments to ward areas or offices, building extensions.

Q4. How does the Trust currently partition building works from wards / theatres etc.? E.g. dry walls / plastic linings. Is this managed by the Trust or building contractors?

A4. This is done by the installation of dry walls or plastic linings. This would be managed by the building contractors.

Q5. Are there any regulations pertaining to the partition of building areas from working areas within a hospital? E.g. fire regulations, infection control regulations.

A5. Fire regulations and infection control requirements are applicable.