

21 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26397

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Charges Raised for the Provision of Services
to ROI Citizens and Fees Paid to Irish Authorities for Similar Services
Provided to NI Citizens**

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 7 December 2018.

A response to each of the questions 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. a) Could you please detail the total charges made to the Irish authorities or Irish citizens for services provided to ROI citizens in the Trust over the last five years.

b) The total level of fees outstanding.

A1. a) The fees paid are detailed in Table 1 below.

Financial Year	£
2014/15	2,172
2015/16	1,903
2016/17	1,188
2017/18	5,216
2018/19 to Dec 18	1,977

Table 1

b) The fees currently outstanding is £476.

Q2. How much has the Trust paid to Irish authorities for similar services provided to Northern Ireland citizens in the last five years.

A1. The fees paid are detailed in Table 2 below.

Financial Year	£
2014/15	234,776
2015/16	709,101
2016/17	1,607,741
2017/18	1,160,492
2018/19 to Dec 18	651,457

Table 2