

24 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26878

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Cost of an Acute Hospital Bed Day**

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

**Jane McCormick
Information Governance Assistant**

Q1. Could you please provide me with the estimated cost of an acute hospital bed day in the South Eastern Trust, whether this be the individual cost for each of the Trust's acute hospitals or an average cost for the whole Trust?

A1. The average cost for an Inpatient bed day in the Trust, excluding capital charges, is £570. This price is based on the average cost across all specialties in the Ulster, Lagan Valley and Downe Hospitals.