

9 April 2019

Our Ref: RFI 27809

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Hospital Vending Machines**

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 11 March 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources and Corporate Affairs 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. Please state how many vending machines are currently installed in hospitals in your trust area. Please provide a comparison figure for 2014.

A1. There are currently 53 vending machines and in 2014 there were 48.

Q2. Please provide an annual total for any revenue/income received for having vending machines in your hospitals in each of the last five years (2014 to 2018).

A2. Please see Table1.

Table1

Financial Year	Revenue £
2014/15	99,251
2015/16	169,008
2016/17	138,057
2017/18	75,991
2018/19 (10 months)	136,547
Total	618,854