

19 June 2019

Our Ref: RFI 29089

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Acute Stroke Units**

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 30 May 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A. Please note that it has not been possible to provide this information in an Excel spreadsheet.

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

The following questions relate exclusively to acute stroke units run by your trust. If you have more than one stroke unit within your trust, please answer each question separately for each unit and note clearly the name of the stroke unit each individual answer refers to.

Q1. How many stroke consultant vacancies were there in each of the following years? Please express your answer in terms of whole time equivalent.

a) 2017

b) 2018

A1 Nil

Q2. What was the whole time equivalent for band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?

a) 2017

b) 2018

A2. a) 0.5 WTE Band 7 per 10 beds and 1.5 WTE Band 6 per 10 beds (20 beds open)

b) 0.4 WTE Band 7 per 10 beds and 1.25 WTE Band 6 per 10 beds (24 beds)

Q3. Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?

a) 2017

b) 2018

A3 No

Q4. Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?

a) 2017

b) 2018

A4. Not applicable.