

20 June 2019

**Our Ref:** RFI 29053

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information Requested in Relation to the Provision of Agency Nurses**

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 29 May 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the HR & 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](mailto: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. In the last 60 days how many times have South Eastern Trust utilised the Scottish Nursing Guild for agency nurses?**

A1. 372 shifts have been filled by Scottish Nursing Guild Nurses in the last 60 days.

**Q2. Which wards or departments were these SNG requests for?**

A2. The requests were for Prison Healthcare – Hydebank Wood & Maghaberry.

**Q3. How many long term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework suppliers?**

A3. The Trust has no block bookings with off framework suppliers and all shifts are sent to framework suppliers in the first instance.

**Q4. Which wards and departments are utilising off contract agencies on lines of work or block bookings?**

A4. As above, The Trust has no block bookings with off contract agencies and all shifts are sent to framework suppliers in the first instance.

**Q5. Which off Framework suppliers are currently supplying your Trust with agency nurses?**

A5. Scottish Nursing Guild is the sole off framework supplier used and only within Prison Healthcare after all framework agency supply has been exhausted.