

25 July 2019

Our Ref: RFI 29653

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Requested in Relation to Medical Staffing**

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 1 July 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Service 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

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Appendix A

Q1. How many permanent staff are employed by the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

A1. There are 109 WTE (Whole Time Equivalent) permanent staff members.

Q2. How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

A2. Seven.

Q3. How many agency staff/locums are currently being used across the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

A3. Nil.

Q4. For agency staff/locums, what is the split in numbers between radiographers and sonographers?

A4. Not Applicable.

Q5. How many bank temps are being used across the Radiography/Imaging department?

A5. Nil.

Q6. During the 2017-2018 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary agency staff?

A6. £4,888

Q7. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary agency staff?

A7. £52,274

Q8. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary bank staff?

A8. £21,983

Q9. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on permanent finders/introduction fees through recruitment agencies?

A9. Nil.

Q10. Does the Radiography/Imaging department have a dedicated breast screening unit?

A10. No

Q11. Please provide me with the following contact names within the authority:

Q11a. The name of the senior manager (Radiology Services Manager / Imaging Services Manager) with overall responsibility for the Radiography/Imaging department.

A11a. Edith Kennedy

Q11b. The name of the head of temporary staffing

A11b. Not Applicable.