

29 April 2020

Our Ref: RFI 34169

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Parking for Hospital Staff during the Covid-19
Crisis.**

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 24 March 2020.

A response to the question 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

**Joyce Batch
Information Governance Assistant**

Q.1 *Please advise me of the free car parking facilities that you have put in place at hospitals, for staff dealing with Covid 19 since 1st March 2020*

A.1 The Trust is currently not charging staff to park on Trust premises in locations where a tariff would normally apply. This is a temporary change to the Trust Board agreed position and is in response to COVID. The Trust took the decision which is in alignment with a Ministerial Instruction and is subject to ongoing review.