

Information Governance

21 July 2020

Our Ref: RFI 33930

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Total Monies Spent on Paying Junior Doctors from
2017 to 2019**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 6 March 2020. You will be aware from my previous email that due to the Covid- 19 Pandemic the Information Governance Service was suspended as staff were redeployed. Thank you for your patience and forbearance during the ensuing delay.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates 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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Q1. How much money was the total spent by your trust on paying junior doctors (all grades below consultant level) in each of 2017, 2018 and 2019?

A1. Please see Table1.

Table 1

| Type of Staff | 2017/2018 | 2018/2019 | 2019/2020 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Trust Payroll Staff | £26,957,538 | £24,039,657 | £27,205,856 |

Q2. How much of this money was spent by your trust in each of 2017, 2018 and 2019 on paying locum or agency doctors (at all grades below consultant level)?

A2. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

| Type of Staff | 2017/2018 | 2018/2019 | 2019/2020 |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Locum cost (Agency & Trust Locums) | £7,074,976 | £11,972,591 | £13,844,042 |

*Please note that the information provided for 2019/2020 is based on draft unaudited information.