

23 November 2020

**Our Ref:** RFI 36333

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Prices Paid by Health and Social Care Trusts for  
Children's Homes Services in 2018/2019**

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 27 October 2020.

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](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. For each placement (as an itemised list e.g. Child #1. Child #2) made to a children's residential home provided by your health and social care trust in the year 1st April 2018 to 1st April 2019, please provide the actual price per week paid for the placement. Please include in the length of each placement. (We are interested in weekly cost and number of weeks paid). Please identify if education is included in cost Yes/No.**
- Q2. For each placement (as an itemised list e.g. Child #1. Child #2) made to a children's independent (voluntary organisation) residential home in the year 1st April 2018 to 1st April 2019, please provide the actual price per week (excluding VAT) paid for the placement to the provider by your health and social care trust. Please include length of placements. (We are interested in weekly cost and number of weeks paid). Please identify if education is included in cost Yes/No.**

**Please note:**

- a. If the price per week changed during the year, please provide all weekly prices that applied during the year.**
- b. This is a request for the weekly price only, and NOT for the total placement cost. (We are interested in weekly cost and number of weeks paid)**
- c. Please do NOT identify the child or young person or the name of the provider. Please use Child#1/Provider#1)**
- d. Please provide the weekly price EXCLUDING any VAT.**
- e. Please do not include short break placements.**
- f. We would greatly appreciate if the information could be provided in the format of the table below, ideally in an Excel spreadsheet.**

**Weekly price paid to provider net of VAT**

**£ per week Includes education Y/N Number of weeks paid (optional)**

**Example:**

**2995 N**

**3500 Y**

**2783 N**

- A. The information requested in Questions 1 & 2 is not routinely held or available. An attempt to provide this information, even if available, would be both time consuming and resource intensive and therefore the Trust is unable to provide this level of detail.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

However, the Trust is able to supply an analysis of the cost per week for the Trusts Residential Homes in Family and Childcare and Child Disability.

Please see Attachment 1 – Analysis.

The information on Attachment 1 is sourced from the Trust Financial returns for 2018/2019 and details the cost per week etc.