

Information Governance

5 November 2020

Our Ref: RFI 36163

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Trusts Expenditure for External Care Providers**

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 12 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) 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. I'd like to make a request for all transactions over £500 from 1st July 2020 to 30th September 2020. As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

If it would help, I am specifically looking for payments to suppliers who provide a service in Health and Social Care. This would include all suppliers falling under the following categories:-

- **Payments to suppliers who provide fostering and adoption services to the Council.**
- **Payments to suppliers who provide care services to the council. This would include suppliers who provide care under each of the categories below:**
 - a. Children's Residential/ Nursing Care Providers**
 - b. Adult Residential/ Nursing Care Providers**
 - c. Elderly Residential/ Nursing Care Providers**
 - d. Domiciliary Care Home Providers**
 - e. Supported Living Care Home Providers**
 - f. Care at Home Providers**
 - g. Providers who carry out Homeless Services**
- **Payments to suppliers who provide Special Education Services.**

A1. Please see Attachment 1 – Trust Transactions over £500 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.