

Information Governance

08 December 2020

Our Ref: RFI 36290

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Locum Echo cardiographers**

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 22 October 2020. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. I would like you to let me know how many Locum Echo cardiographers you have had in from Jan 2020 to present including the costs to the department.

Please provide detail in the following table.

Agency Name	Echo cardiographers	Costs
<i>RIG</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Globe</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Your World</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>£0</i>

A1. There have been no Locum Echo cardiographers from the agencies listed above working within the Trust from January 2020 to present.