

31 March 2021

Our Ref: RFI 36973

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Pain Management Clinics**

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 14 December 2020. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

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

**Cathryn Hedley
Information Governance Assistant**

Q1. The annual Trust funding allocation to Pain Management Clinics or any other name by which these are known, per financial year, for each of last three years ending March 2021.

A1. The annual Trust funding allocation to Pain Management Clinics, per financial year, for each of last three years ending March 2021 is provided in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Period	GBP
Apr20 - Jan 21*	599,961
Apr 19 - Mar 20	715,042
Apr 18 - Mar 19	673,864

* Feb 21 - Mar 21 financial information has not been finalised, therefore 20/21 data represents only 10 months

Q2. The sites where each clinic is currently located.

A2. The Trust Pain Clinic is located at the Ulster Hospital site.

Q3. The number of Pain Management consultant posts, shown by those filled and unfilled.

A3. There were 1.525 whole time equivalent pain management consultant posts. None were unfilled