

06 May 2021

Our Ref: RFI 38089

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Off-Framework Agency in the last 6 months**

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 4 March 2021. 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 Nursing, Older People & Primary Care 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. Have you used an off-framework agency in the last 6 months?

A1. No, the Trust has not used an off-framework agency for AHP in the last 6 months.

Q2. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving AHP agency usage?

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

A2. The head of procurement at the Trust responsible for approving AHP agency usage and the staff lead responsible for the management of this service is Margaret Moorehead, Assistant Director for Allied Health Professions.

Q3. Please can you provide the email address & contact number in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

A3. Please see Email and contact number listed below:

Email – margaret.moorehead@setrust.hscni.net

Contact No: 02891512166

Q4. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend between January 2020 – February 2021 for Physiotherapy?**Q5. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend between January 2020 – February 2021 for occupational therapy?****Q6. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend between January 2020 – February 2021 for Pharmacy?****Q7. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend between January 2020 – February 2021 for Radiography?**

A. In relation to Questions 4 to 7 the Trust do not utilise off-framework agencies for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy or Radiography.