

25 June 2021

Our Ref: RFI 38661

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

RE: Request for Information concerning how much has been spent on which insourcing provider in the last years.

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to how much has been spent on which insourcing provider in the last years which you requested on 19 April 2021.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your correspondence as the Information Governance Department is dealing with a large number of requests for information, including a backlog of requests as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which had a major impact across services.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance and 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

Joyce Batch
Information Governance Assistant

Q1)How much has been spent on which insourcing provider in the last 3 years. In the most recent FY in the 12 months ending March 2021 split by month

A1) Please see Table 1 below showing Insourcing provider spend for the financial year 2020/2021

Table 1

Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Total
926,414	255,502	467,166	559,714	430,278	148,536	392,509	204,978	584,784	601,902	728,690	1,045,126	6,345,599

The financial spend for year 2019/20 was £4,647,126

The financial spend for year 2018/19 was nil

Q2) Which specialty this has been spent on and which framework this has been via (named) or if this has been as a NHS subcontract / otherwise.

A2) The financial spend as outlined in Answer 1 was to provide diagnostic this ophthalmology and was procured via Single Tender Action.