

11 June 2021

Our Ref: RFI 39098

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Regarding Agency Spend (April 2020 - April 2021)**

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 21st May, 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources and Corporate Affairs 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

Susan Clarke
Information Governance Officer

APPENDIX A

To whom it may concern,

**Q1. Could you please send me a breakdown of your agency spend and also non contract agency spend (non-tender agreement) from April 2020 to April 2021 for the following:
Band 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Social Care support workers**

A1. Table 1 below illustrates the breakdown of agency spend (on contract) and non contract agency spend (off contract) from April 2020-April 2021. You will note that the table clearly categorises each band (B2-B6 Social Services).

Table 1:

Banding	Off Contract	On Contract	Grand Total
B2 SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY	4,700.56	6,505.32	11,205.88
B3 SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY	329,085.66	1,486,731.13	1,815,816.79
B4 SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY	55,332.23	385,465.94	440,798.17
B5 SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY	486,636.68	838,468.00	1,325,104.68
B6 SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY	336,158.45	187,104.43	523,262.88
Grand Total	1,211,913.58	2,904,274.82	4,116,188.40