

7 July 2021

Our Ref: RFI 39718

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to part-time working hours in Children's Services which you requested on 23 June 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services and Social Work 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
Acting Information Governance Manager

Q1. How many part time staff positions are across Social Services Safeguarding teams across the Trust- CAFT/ IST/ Gateway/ Children's Disability?

A1. Please see Table 1 below which shows the number of part time staff positions across Social Services Safeguarding teams across the Trust.

Table 1:

Ards	Down	Gateway	Lisburn
2	0	0	2

Q2. How many part-time working requests have been approved by Social Services managers in past 5 years?

A2. Please see Table 2 below which shows the number of part-time working requests have been approved by Social Services managers in past 5 years.

Table 2:

Ards	Down	Gateway	Lisburn
3	0	0	0

Q3. How many part-time working requests have been declined by Social Services managers in past 5 years?

A3. Please see Table 3 below which shows the number of part-time working requests have been declined by Social Services managers in past 5 years.

Table 3:

Ards	Down	Gateway	Lisburn
1	0	0	1