

22 October 2021

Our Ref: RFI 41151

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to the Community Dental Service**

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 1 October 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older People 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. Did your Organisation provide a community dental service?

A1. Yes, the Trust provides a community Dental Service.

Q2. For each band please enter the relevant number corresponding on the column and row labels.

A2. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Band	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by your organisation under salaried primary dental care terms and conditions		Currently how many dentist positions are vacant	Between 6 th April 2020 to 5 th April 2021 how many (headcount)		
	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	Posts became vacant	Vacant posts were advertised	Vacant posts were filled. Please do not include partially filled positions
Community Dental Officer	8	6.008	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Senior Community Dental Officer	6	3.217	Nil	1 (0.4 WTE)	Nil	Nil
Assistant Community Dental Clinical Director	1	0.506	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Specialist Community Dentist	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Community Dental Clinical Director	1	1.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other dentist	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Q3. For each grade please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

A3. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

Grade	Currently (today), how many dentists are employed on each of the given grades by your organisation on Hospital Medical and Dental Contracts and who perform	
	Headcount	WTE
Dental Core Trainee (DCT/SHO)	Nil	Nil
Speciality Trainee (StR)	Nil	Nil
Staff and Associate Specialist grades	Nil	Nil
Consultant	Nil	Nil