

26 May 2023

Our Ref: RFI 50892

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Professional Standards Authority**

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 9 May 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Allied Health Professionals 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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

- Q1. Of the Trusts Allied Health Professionals, how many staff members are on PSA (Professional Standards Authority) accredited registers (<https://professionalstandards.org.uk/what-we-do/accredited-registers/find-a-register> and <https://www.professionalstandards.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work-with-regulators/find-a-regulator/health-care-professions-council>)?**

Speech and language therapists (HCPC register) Occupational Therapists (HCPC register) Clinical Psychologists (HCPC register) Behaviour support staff (AKA behaviour therapists, behaviour analysts) ((UK-SBA register) Others ...

- A1.** As of 15th May 2023, 100% of Trust Allied Health Professional (AHP) Staff are on the Health Care Professions (HCPC) Live Register. AHP Support Staff are not required to register on a professional standards authority register.

Allied Health Professions employed by the Trust included in this response are Radiography; Speech and Language Therapy; Podiatry; Physiotherapy; Occupational Therapy; Orthoptists; Paramedics and Dieticians.

It is noted that Clinical Psychologists and Behaviour support staff are not Allied Health professions. Nonetheless I would confirm that 100% of clinical psychology staff are on the HCPC live register. There is no requirement for behaviour support staff to be registered with the UK- SBA register and this information is not held.