

27 July 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51980

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Trust's Total Agency spend for the Financial Year
2022/23**

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 03 July 2023.

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

**Robyn Watterson
Information Governance Officer**

Q1. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The Trust's total temp agency spend for the financial year 22/23 broken down by Doctors, Nursing and Allied Health Professional (AHP) spend.

A1. The table below shows a breakdown of the Trust's total agency spend for staff groups specified in the financial year 22/23.

Staff Type	Total Agency Spend 2022/23 £000s
Nursing and Midwifery	14,917
Medical Staff (incl. Doctors, Junior Doctors)	14,316
Allied Health Professionals	2,169
	31,402