

16 May 2022

Our Ref: RFI 43712

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Requesting information of the expenditure on Employment Agency Staff**

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 25 March 2022. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your patience and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & 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

**Louise McNamara
Information Governance Officer**

Please can you provide information on the expenditure of employment agency staff for the supply of:

Q1.1 Allied Health Professionals (lot 1) to the Trust in the past 12 months. Please can you advise what has been spent for band 2 & band 3, including “on Framework” & “off framework” agencies.

A1.1 For the Trust expenditure on Band 2 and Band 3 employment agency staff for Allied Health Professionals (AHP), including ‘on framework’ and ‘off framework’, please refer to Table 1. The data provided is for the Calendar year 2021.

Table 1			Jan - Mar 21	Apr - Jun 21	Jul - Sep 21	Oct - Dec 21	Full Year
Agency	AHP	B2	-	-	-	-	-
Agency	AHP	B3	£29,133	£22,155	£55,534	£53,091	£159,913

Q1.2. Social Work & Social Care Support staff (lot 2) to the Trust in the past 12 months. Please can you advise what has been spent for band 2 & band 3, including “on Framework” & “off framework” agencies.

A1.2 For the Trust expenditure on Band 2 and Band 3 employment agency staff for Social Work & Social Care Support staff, including ‘on framework’ and ‘off framework’, please refer to Table 2. The data provided is for the Calendar year 2021.

Table 2			Jan - Mar 21	Apr - Jun 21	Jul - Sep 21	Oct - Dec 21	Full Year
Agency	Social Work & Social Care Support Staff	B2	£3,597	£535	£1,914	£2,007	£8,053
Agency	Social Work & Social Care Support Staff	B3	£536,136	£542,749	£448,929	£426,069	£1,954,064