

7th October 2022

**Our Ref:** RFI 46357

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Off-Contract and Contract Agencies**

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 7 September 2022.

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](mailto: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

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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. The amount of money paid by the trust to off-contract agencies each year since 2019, broken down by area of work, eg nursing, medical, social care.**

A1. Please see Attachment 1 - Contract and Off Contract Agency Spend.

**Q2. The number of times the trust has used off-contract agencies each year since 2019.**

A2. The Trust is unable to provide the number of times off-contract agencies have been used as this information is not recorded.

**Q3. The amount of money paid by the trust to contract agencies each year since 2019, broken down by area of work, eg nursing, medical, social care.**

A3. Please see Attachment 1 - Contract and Off Contract Agency Spend.

**Q4. The number of times the trust has used contract agencies each year since 2019, broken down by area of work, eg nursing, medical, social care.**

A4. The Trust is unable to provide the number of times contract agencies have been used as this information is not recorded.