

11 October 2023

Our Ref: RFI 53393

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to GP Surgeries.**

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 queried on 20 September 2023, following a response issued to you dated 14 September 2023.

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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Office

I would like to request the following information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 broken down by year:

Q1. *The total number of patients registered with a GP practice in the Trust area, as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/24*

A1. The Trust do not hold this information. However, the information you request may be held by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG). If you wish to pursue this request, I would suggest you contact the SPPG via FOI@health-ni.gov.uk.

Q2. *The total number of GP contracts handed back to the Trust in each given year.*

A2. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1

Year	Total number of GP Contracts handed back to the Trust
2019/2020	Nil
2020/2021	Nil
2021/2022	Nil
2022/2023	1 practice run over two sites from 01/02/23 – 31/03/23
2023/2024	1 practice run over two sites 01/04/23 – 31/07/23

Q3. *The number of registered patients at each practice at the time the contract was handed back to the Trust?*

A3. There were 13824 registered patients at the practice at the time the Contract was handed back to the Trust.

Q4. *The number of GP partners at each practice at the time the contract was handed back to the Trust.*

A4. There were 3 GP partners at the practice at the time the contract was handed back to the Trust.

Q5. *The status of each practice where the contract was returned as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/2024 (i.e. new contractor found, Trust Managed, permanently closed and lists dispersed.*

A5. The status of the practice where the contract was returned is that a new contractor was found.

Q6. For each Trust managed practice in your area, the number of registered patients as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/24.

A6. The number of registered patients for the managed practice as at 31 March 2023 was 13,798.

Q7. Per managed practice, the total funding and total expenditure (including variance) or each year the practice was Trust Managed.

A7. The Trust is unable to provide the total funding as this is not how GP practices are run. The total expenditure for the managed practice for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 is £198,513. The financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 expenditure is still in preparation.