

1 November 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 54287

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Locum Spend for Junior Doctors.**

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 20 October 2023.

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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**Caroline Degans  
Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. Please can you provide the total cost of locum spend for junior doctor grades (fy1-st8) for the past two years (21/22, 22/23) in your trust area.**

A1. Please see Table 1 below for the total cost of locum spend for junior doctor grades for the past two years.

Table 1

	<b>2021 / 2022 £'s</b>	<b>2022 / 2023 £'s</b>
Total Cost of Junior Doctor Locum Spend	8,392,068	7,797,375