



Our Ref: RFI55812

Dear Mr Chalmers

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Permanent Recruitment Spend**

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 15 January 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates Services 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please provide the total expenditure allocated to UK and international permanent recruitment services during the specified period. For the convenience of data processing, we kindly request that you use the following template when providing the requested information:

A1.

Table 1

	Total Agency Spend for UK Permanent Recruitment Jan 23 – Dec 23	Total agency spend for international permanent recruitment - Jan 23 - December 23	Providers used (names)	Percentage of total workforce spend (UK perm)	Percentage of total workforce spend (international perm)
Medical	Nil	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nursing	Nil	£21,900	Part of Regional International Project	N/A	Immaterial
AHP	Nil	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A