



10 April 2024

Our Ref: RFI 57128

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Trust Property and Land**

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 8 March 2024.

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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. The estimated total number of acres of land that you own.

A1. The information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this statement acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of Question 1.

Q2. The estimated total number of acres that you own which are not in operational use.

A2. The Trust owns 30.31 acres of land on conacre and 0.24 acres of land which consists of a vacant building and site.

Q3. The annual spending on managing and maintaining your property estate in the financial year 2022/23. Please provide a breakdown.

A3. The information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this statement acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of Question 3.

Q4. The number of empty homes you currently own.

A4. The Trust do not currently own any empty homes.

Q5. The number of empty buildings you currently own that are not homes.

A5. The Trust currently owns one empty building that is not a home.

Q6. *Please provide a copy of your asset register.*

A6. Please see Attachment - Trust Building Asset Register.