

19 June 2024

Our Ref: RFI 57412

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Capital Expenditure for Medicines.**

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 19 March 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 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

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Information Governance Officer

- Q1. Would it be possible to request the following information for the financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023:
The cost for the issue of medicines, appliances, and medical devices as individual categories and total figures as a gross figure and nett figure after central rebates or discounts are removed.**

It may be complicated for you to break down appliances and devices.

It would be ok if simpler if possible to provide a secondary care trust total for medicines only. If available as gross figure and nett figure after discounts / rebates.

- A1. Please see Table 1 for the figures relating to Medicines only for the financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

Financial Year	Gross Medicine Spend	Rebate Value	Net Medicine Spend
2021/2022	£30,464,347	£670,868	£29,793,479
2022/2023	£31,514,447	£530,736	£30,983,711