



19 July 2024

**Our Ref:** RFI 59282

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Healthcare Professionals in Renal and Palliative  
Care Services**

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 10 July 2024.

A response to the question raised has been provided by Medicine, Unscheduled Care and Cancer 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](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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. I am looking to establish the whole time equivalent (WTE) numbers of health care professionals (HCPs) with both renal and palliative care services who work directly with people with end stage kidney disease employed in the trust.  
This should include the WTE of medical officers (all grades) pharmacist's social workers dietitians and renal psychologist's counsellors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists.**

A1. Health Care Professionals within the Renal Services work with patients with a range of stages of renal disease and this is not differentiated into grade profile, therefore the Trust is unable to provide the requested information.

The Trust Palliative Care services provide a specialist Palliative service and again do not differentiate out into different disease profiles.