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**Our Ref:** RFI 32923

Dear Ms Corr

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Information in relation to the cost of attending award ceremonies**

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 9 January 2020.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the HR & Corporate Affairs 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

Jane McCormick  
Information Governance Assistant

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**Q. Dear South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (Northern Ireland),**

***Can you tell me how much you spent each year financial year for the past five on awards please?***

***Can you provide, in a table, the number and names of the awards you applied for each year - and also the number and name of the awards won in each year.***

***Can you also tell me the total cost of attending the awards ceremony for the Trust, including tickets, expenses on the night, hotel and travel expenses and the number who attended from the Trust.***

***Suggested headings for table for the years from 2014-15 until 2018-19:  
Total cost of applying to award/ name & total number awards applied for/ name & total awards won/ total cost of attending awards ceremonies for Trust.***

**A.** 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 letter acts as a Refusal Notice.