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Dear Mr Bradley,

Freedom of Information Request dated 25 October 2012

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 October 2012 concerning qualified Social Workers. This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Having checked our records, I can confirm that the Trust does not employ any Social Workers directly. They are employed by the local authorities and we are recharged the costs of a number of Social Worker posts by the local councils.

Unfortunately, we would not know if the Social Worker posts that the Trust is recharged for are filled by local authority filled Social Workers or whether they have been filled with locum/agency Social Workers. As a result of this the Trust does not have any direct expenditure with any agencies providing locum qualified Social Workers.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

*Head of Legal and Insurance Services, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, Tatchbury Mount,
Calmore, Hampshire, Southampton, SO40 2RZ*

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*The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire,
SK9 5AF (Telephone: 0303 123 1113 / Website: www.ico.gov.uk)*

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,



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