

FOI 1908

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I would like to request the following information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 broken down by year:

- 1) The total number of patients registered with a GP practice in the Trust area, as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/24**

Information not held.

- 2) The total number of GP contracts handed back to the Trust in each given year.**

One General Practice handed back their contract to the Primary Care Department at SPPG, who then asked the Trust to hold the contract on a temporary basis up until the end of March 2024.

- 3) The number of registered patients at each practice at the time the contract was handed back to the Trust.**

Information not held. Please contact SPPG by email to [FOI@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@health-ni.gov.uk)

- 4) The number of GP partners at each practice at the time the contract was handed back to the Trust.**

One.

- 5) The status of each practice where the contract was returned as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/24 (i.e. new contractor found, Trust managed, permanently closed and lists dispersed).**

Not applicable.

**6) For each Trust managed practice in your area, the number of registered patients as at 31 March for each given year, or 30 June for 2023/24.**

The SHSCT accepted responsibility for Mullaghbawn GP practice from 01 July 2023.

The practice population on the 31 March for the following years was as follows:

▪ 2019/20	5199
▪ 2020/21	5281
▪ 2021/22	5358
▪ 2022/23	5379
▪ 30 June 2023/24	5378

**7) Per managed practice, the total funding and total expenditure (including variance) for each year the practice was trust managed**

Not applicable.

At the outset of this response I would advise that the Trust are not the Commissioners of GP Services. General Practices are regarded as Primary Care Services and these are commissioned by the Primary Care Department at the Strategic Planning and Performance Group, through the commissioning of a General Medical Service contract. Whilst the Southern Trust has in the last couple of months accepted temporary responsibility for one practice out of approximately 71 practices within the Southern Trust, we do not have access to the level of information you are requesting. This in our opinion, would be best sought from the Primary Care Department at SPPG.

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