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*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Royal College of Nursing Eastern would like to request the following information about Board of Directors papers and meetings:*

- 1. Please can you provide a set of your latest Board of Directors papers.*

The papers from the monthly Trust Board meetings are routinely published on the Trust website [www.southend.nhs.uk](http://www.southend.nhs.uk) they can be found under the heading 'General Information' in the section 'Who's who'.

- 2. If you do not routinely publish Board of Directors papers, please set out the reasons for not doing so, and state which Freedom of Information Act exemption applies.*

Please see our response to question 1.

- 3. Please can you tell us if your Board of Directors meetings are held in public.*

Yes the Trust Board meetings are held in public.

- 4. If you do not hold Board of Directors meetings in public, please set out the reasons for not doing so.*

Please see our response to question 3.

- 5. Please can you provide the dates for all your Board of Directors meetings in 2012.*

The dates for the Trust Board meetings are published on the Trust website [www.southend.nhs.uk](http://www.southend.nhs.uk). The future dates can be found under the heading 'General Information' in the section 'Who's who'.

- 6. With respect to NHS Foundation Trusts, in light of the Health and Social Care Bill proposing that Board of Directors meetings must be held in public, do you have plans in place to make Board meetings public?*

Please see our response to question 3.