

10 December 2024

**Our Ref:** FOI 286

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Maternity Hospital Policies**

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

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 21 October 2024.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Surgery Elective Maternity and Paediatrics 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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**Q1. *I am enquiring to gain access to any and all policies regarding to the Ulster Hospital, South Eastern Trust, Maternity Hospital Policies and procedures with regards to diagnosis, detection and management of pre eclampsia in pregnant women, including the occurrence of still birth and policies and procedures re same and the transportation of infants to Alderhay Liverpool for post mortem***

A1. Please see the following 3 Titled Guidelines which are attached:-

Attachment 1 - The Management of Hypertensive Disorders during Pregnancy;

Attachment 2 - Pregnancy Loss, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death;

Attachment 3 - Release of a Baby, Child or Young Person from Woman and Acute Child Health Directorate after Death;