



10 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI 367

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Proposed Planning for Bed spaces, Theatres**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 14 November 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics 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) 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please can you confirm if there are any plans for new bedspaces to be created within your trust in the next five years? This can be either proposed at a discussion point or a more formal stage of the decision process. I would like to capture new treatment areas or areas that would offer both day or overnight bed spaces. If so, please could you record the proposed site and an estimated number of additional beds to be added per year. Any example response would be as follows:

- **2025 - example general hospital 20 bed**
- **2026 - example wing 45 beds**
- **2027 - example new site 30 beds**

A1. Dependant on approval and funding being provided by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) the Trust plan to create the following additional bed spaces within the next 5 years:

- 6 Intellectual Disability (ID) beds for community assessment and treatment at Thompson House Hospital, Lisburn.

Q2. Please can you confirm if there are any proposed new theatres planned to be created within your trust in the next five years. Please use the example format highlighted in Q1.

A2. There are currently are no proposed plans to create new theatres within the Trust in the next five years.

Q3. Please can you confirm if any of your current bed spaces or theatres are planned to be moved into a new building or area in the next 5 years. Please use the example format highlighted in Q1

A3. There are currently are no proposed plans to move existing bed spaces or theatres into a new building within the Trust in the next five years.

Q4. If questions 1-3 have highlighted a response that confirms new facilities, please could you confirm which organisation has been authorised to lead on the work if the project has reached the stage of awarding.

A4. As the Trust is still awaiting approval and funding for the above new planned beds no organisation has been authorised to lead on any work that may be required to deliver these.