

17 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI 379

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Anaesthetists.**

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 19 November 2024.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective, Maternity & 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) 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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

Q1. How many male substantive consultant anaesthetists employed in your organisation?

A1. There are 35 male substantive consultant anaesthetists employed by the Trust.

Q2. How many female substantive consultant anaesthetists employed in your organisation?

A2. There are 17 female substantive consultant anaesthetists employed by the Trust.

Q3a. Do you have a 'Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Regional Anaesthesia'?

A3a. No the Trust does not have a Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Regional Anaesthesia.

Q3b. What is their gender?

A3b. This question does not apply.

Q4a. Do you have a 'Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Obstetric Anaesthesia'?

A4a. Yes, the Trust does have a Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Obstetric Anaesthesia.

Q4b. What is their gender?

Q4b. The gender is male.

Q5a. Do you have a 'Departmental Lead for Anaesthesia' or equivalent role?

A5a. Yes, the Trust has 3 departmental leads for anaesthesia.

Q5b. What is their gender?

A5b. The gender is one male and two female.