



26 February 2025

Our Ref: FOI 457

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Diabetic Clinic**

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 7 January 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer Services 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. The number of Type 1 Diabetics being treated in the SE Trust.

A1. There are currently 1900 type 1 diabetic Adult patients and 264 type 1 diabetic Paediatric patients being treated, within the Trust.

Q2. The number of Type 1 Diabetics on a closed loop insulin pump system.

A2. There are currently 55 type 1 diabetic Adult patients and 86 type 1 diabetic Paediatric patients on a closed loop insulin pump system, within the Trust.

Q3. The number of those on a closed loop insulin system that are funded by the SE Trust.

A3. There are currently 5 Adult patients and <5 Paediatric patients funded by the Trust.

Please note that the majority of patients who are on Hybrid Closed Loop systems (Adults and Paediatric patients) are using sensors that are available on prescription i.e. Free Style Libre 2+ or Free Style Libre 3.

Q4. Please put those funded into the following age groups;

- 0-18 yrs
- 18- 40yrs
- 40 + yrs

A4. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Age	No. of Patients
0 – 18 Years	<5
18 – 40 Years	<5
40+ Years	<5

Please note, where numbers within A3 and Table 1, are 1-4, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.

Q5. Who makes the decision on this funding and criteria used?

A5. The Senior Clinicians make the decisions on funding based on individual health needs.