



3 February 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 464

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Vaping Incidents**

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 8 January 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](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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. How many secondary school aged pupils have arrived at A&E by ambulance as a result of vaping recorded during the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

A1. Please see Table 1 for the number of secondary school aged pupils who arrived at Accident & Emergency (A&E) by ambulance as a result of vaping from 2022 to 2024, based on a search of A&E department presentation notes that contain reference to vapes or vaping.

Table 1

Year	Ambulance Arrivals to SET ED
2022	<5
2023	<5
2024	<5

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

**Q2. How many secondary school aged pupils have needed to be admitted to hospital as a result of vaping recorded during the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

A2. There have been no hospital admissions, with the Trust, of secondary school aged pupils as a result of vaping from 2022 to May 2024.

Please be advised that the Trust can only provide the data up to May 2024 due to time lag of clinical coding.

**Q3. Of those admitted to hospital, please list the number of admissions according to age during the years 2022, 2023 and 2024:**

- 11 to 12 years old
- 13 to 15 years old
- 16 years old
- 17 to 18 years old

A3. N/A.

**Q4. How many of those vaping incidents with secondary school pupils recorded during the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, contained the following substances:**

- THC
- Spice
- THC & Spice

A4. N/A.