

30 January 2025

Our Ref: 470

Dear Mr Robinson

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Complications Relating to Surgery completed
Abroad.**

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 8 January 2025.

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 people have been hospitalised in the past year due to complications relating to surgery they have had abroad?**
- Q2. Of those people, how many were related to cosmetic surgery procedures such as cosmetic dental work (e.g. veneers), breast augmentation, hair transplants or rhinoplasty?**
- Q3. Of those people (relating to part ii), how many were hospitalised due to life-threatening emergency and/or required emergency corrective surgery?**
- Q4. Of those people (relating to part i), how many were related to weight-loss/bariatric surgeries including gastric bypass, gastric band, gastric balloon and sleeve gastrectomy?**
- Q5. Of those people (relating to part iv), how many were hospitalised due to life-threatening emergency and/or required emergency corrective surgery?**

A1-5 In response to questions 1 to 5, the Trust does not collate the requested information regarding complications relating to surgery carried out abroad, therefore, cannot respond to these questions.