

6 October 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1394

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Timeframe of Histopathology Results**

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 September 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective Care, Maternity and 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](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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**Olivia Robinson**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1a. I would like to know the turnaround time for Histopathology results for prostate biopsy performed in Lagan Valley Hospital recommended as a result of pirads 3 score lesion identified on Mri scan.**

A1a. When a biopsy is carried out in Lagan Valley Hospital, it is then sent to the Belfast Trust Laboratories for testing/analysis.

The Trust does not hold the information you require. However, the Laboratories service located within The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (Belfast Trust) may be able to help with this request. You can contact the Belfast Trust at [publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net).

**Q1b. Specifically can you provide the number of days from the date the biopsy samples are taken to the results being received by the Consultant requesting the biopsy?**

A1b. The Trust are unable to provide a response detailing the number of days from the date biopsy samples are taken to the results being received by the consultant, as this information is not recorded electronically.