



19 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1359

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Intraosseous Needles Contract/Framework**

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 15 August 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery & Elective, Maternity & Paediatric 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. In reference to your response to FOI 1303, if the information required is not in a searchable format, would you please identify the contract or framework that is being used to procure intraosseous needles used for infusions through bone marrow in medical emergencies as an alternative to failed or difficult Intravenous items?

A1. The Trust store Arrow EZ-IO intraosseous needles for emergencies in theatre, they are not frequently used. The Trust do not have any contract or framework in place, however if they are required, the Trust will purchase from Mediq Healthcare UK Limited.