



18 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1367

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Urology Service**

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 20 August 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 Surgery and Elective, Maternity and 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

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Information Governance Officer

Q1. Activity/Case Volumes.

The number of urology procedures performed in each of the last three financial years, broken down into:

- a. Diagnostic procedures (e.g. cystoscopies, biopsies).**
- b. Therapeutic procedures (e.g. TURBT, prostate surgery, stone management, ureteroscopy).**

A1. Please see Table 1 for the number of Urology procedures performed in the last three financial years broken down by Diagnostic and Therapeutic.

Table 1

Year	Diagnostic	Therapeutic
2021-2022	3235	3966
2022-2023	3016	4362
2023-2024	2279	5231
2024-2025	1218	2389

Q2. Waiting Times.

- a. The current average waiting time for urology diagnostic procedures.**
- b. The current average waiting time for urology therapeutic procedures.**
- c. The number of patients currently waiting for a urology procedure (diagnostic vs therapeutic if available).**

A2. Please see Table 2 for the current waiting times.

Table 2

Procedure	No. of Patients	Average Weeks
Elective Cancer Procedure	23	2.9
Elective Routine Procedure	687	91.2
Elective Suspect Cancer Procedure	37	8.6
Elective Time Limited Other Procedure	102	71.5
Elective Urgent Procedure	436	40.7
Emergency Immediate Procedure	<5	2.0

Routine Outpatient	216	58.8
Two Week Wait Outpatient	243	3.8
Urgent Outpatient	889	63.2

Q3. Budgets.

The annual budget allocated to urology services for each of the last three financial years.

A3. Please see Table 3 for the Urology Medical budget for the last three financial years.

Please note that there is no specific urology ward so the nursing budget numbers are not identified

Table 3

Year	Value
2022/2023	£1,313,010
2023/2024	£1,445,591
2024/2025	£1,621,210
2025/2026	£1,839,718

Q4a. Any key performance indicators (KPIs) currently used to measure the performance of urology services (e.g. RTT targets, diagnostic waiting time targets).

A4a. The KPIs used are 31 and 62 day target.

31 Days - At least 98% of patients diagnosed with cancer should receive their first definitive treatment within 31 days of a decision to treat.

62 Days – At least 95% of patients urgently referred by a GP with a suspected cancer should begin their first definitive treatment within 62 days.

Q4b. What is the current performance against those KPIs.

A4b. 31 Days – 94% of patients were treated within 31 days of their decision to treat in June 2025.

62 Days – 28% of patients were treated within 62 days of their referral in June 2025.