

17 September 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1372

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Adoption Figures**

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 20 August 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Children's 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](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**

**Please provide answers to the following questions broken down into age groups:  
(If the information is not recorded in these age groups, please provide an overall figure):**

- **Under 1**
- **1-4 years**
- **5-9 years**
- **10-15 years**
- **16 years +**

**Please provide the information by month for the last full 5 years.  
(If the data cannot be provided by month, please provide it by calendar or financial year.)**

**Q1. How many adoption disruptions (ie pre-Adoption Order) have been registered in your Health and Social Care Trust area?**

A1. There have been no adoption disruptions registered in the Trust.

**Q2a. How many adoption breakdowns (ie post-Adoption Order) are you aware of in your Health and Social Care Trust area?**

A2a. Please see Table 1 below for the number of adoption breakdowns in the Trust by month for the last 5 years.

Table 1

<b>Age Group (Years)</b>	<b>Number of Adoption Breakdowns</b>	<b>Year</b>
Under 1	Nil	N/A
1-4	Nil	N/A
5-9	Nil	N/A
10-15	Nil	N/A
16+	<5	March 2022

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

**Q2b. Do you record these figures as a matter of course?**

A2b. Yes, the Trust does record these figures as a matter of course.

**Q2c. Over what time period are the number of breakdowns recorded? (e.g. 5/10/15 years post adoption).**

A2c. The number of adoption breakdowns are recorded in the Trust until the child is 18 years old.