



24 September 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1414

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to GP Services and GP Patient Registrations**

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 22 September 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the People and Organisational Development 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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

- Q1. The number of GP practices and the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) GPs within:**
- a) The defined catchment area (20-minute drive time as shown on the map provided), and**
  - b) The wider South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area.**
- Q2. The number of new patient registrations with GP practices within:**
- a) The defined catchment area (20-minute drive time), and**
  - b) The wider South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area.**

**Please provide figures for the most recent reporting period available, and indicate whether these are annual, quarterly, or monthly.**

- Q3. The current number of registered patients at each GP practice within:**
- a) The defined catchment area (20-minute drive time), and**
  - b) The wider South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area.**

**Please provide figures separately for residential and nursing care.**

A1-3. In response to questions 1 to 3, the Trust do not manage GP Surgeries nor employ General Practitioners within GP Practices and therefore do not hold the information requested. However, GP Practices are managed by the Business Service Organisation (BSO). If you wish to pursue your request please refer to the BSO on [foi.bso@hscni.net](mailto:foi.bso@hscni.net)