



14 August 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1289

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Vasectomies**

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 July 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](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. Are vasectomies taking place in the Trust?**

A1. Yes, vasectomies take place in the Trust, but only those assessed as medically requiring a general anaesthesia for the procedure.

**Q2. Where are they being performed?**

A2. They are performed within the Day Procedure Centre in Lagan Valley Hospital.

**Q3. How many are being done per month?**

A3. Please see Table 1 for the number of vasectomies carried out from January to June 2025.

Table 1

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of Vasectomies</b>
January 2025	<5
February 2025	Nil
March 2025	<5
April 2025	<5
May 2025	<5
June 2025	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

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