



22 August 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1312

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Continence and Stoma Care Formularies**

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 29 July 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Primary Care & Older Peoples Service 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. Does your organisation have an active Ostomy (stoma) or Continence Care Formulary? If so, please share copies of both formularies, including the full list of products?**

A1. No, the Trust does not have an active Ostomy or Continence care Formulary.

**Q2. What NHS organisations are they applicable to?**

A2. Not Applicable.

**Q3. When was the formulary start date, and when will it end or is expected to be renewed?**

A3. Not Applicable.

**Q4. What is the primary objective of the formulary? If this is to deliver cost-improvement/savings, please quantify what savings the formulary has delivered to your organisation each year since it was active?**

A4. Not Applicable.

**Q5. Which part of your organisation benefits from any Formulary savings?**

A5. Not Applicable.

**Q6. What is the process for renewal?**

A6. Not Applicable.

**Q7. Where new, innovative products are launched while the formulary is live, what is the process for reviewing these and adding to the formulary?**

A7. Not Applicable.

**Q8. Other than cost, how are outcomes measured and which outcomes are measured when assessing the effectiveness of the formulary?**

A8. Not Applicable.

**Q9. Are stoma bags included within your formularies?**

A9. Not Applicable.

**Q10. Who are the lead clinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?**

A10. Not Applicable.

**Q11. Who are the lead nonclinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?**

A11. Not Applicable.

**Q12. How is formulary compliance measured by healthcare professionals in your organisation**

A12. Not Applicable.