

Information Governance

3 March 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19412

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Breast Reduction Surgeries**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 18 January 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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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This request concerns the number of referrals for breast reduction surgery made by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.

Q1. *Please state the number of applications for female breast reduction surgery made to South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.
Please provide information for the following calendar years.*
-2014
-2015
-2016

A1. The Trust cannot determine how many referrals/applications were received as the Trust system does not record this information

Q2. *Please state the number of female breast reduction surgeries carried out by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.
Please provide information for the following calendar years.*
-2014
-2015
-2016

A2. Please see Table 1 below, which shows the number of female breast reduction surgeries carried out by the Trust. Please note, in respect of Independent hospitals listed below these are National Health Service (NHS) patients however funding is paid for by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB).

Table 1 – Admissions and Day cases

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Independent Hospital	144	94	58	<5	37
Ulster Hospital	19	11	20	16	14

Q3. *Please state the number referrals for female breast reduction surgeries, made by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust but carried out elsewhere in the UK.
Please provide information for the following calendar years.*
-2014
-2015
-2016

A3. This information is not recorded by the Trust.

Q4. *Please state the number of female patients refused breast reduction surgery by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.*

Please provide information for the following calendar years.

-2014

-2015

-2016

A4. This information is not recorded by the Trust.