

24 July 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20744

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Deaths that have occurred under General
Anaesthetic for Dental Procedures**

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 24 June 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care and Older People's Directorate in respect of Community Dental Services and is attached in Appendix A. A response in relation to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) (Acute Services) is currently awaited. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing this element of the information.

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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

I wish to put forward an FOI request regarding the number of deaths that have occurred under GA for dental procedures. I am in the process of conducting research on this topic since the publication of 'A Conscious Decision' in 2000'.

I wish to be provided the following information:

- *Number of deaths per year since 2000 (including the full year 2000) under GA for dental procedures, either under the care of the Public Dental Service (PDS) or Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)*

There have been no deaths since 2000 in Community Dental Service within the Trust.

- *The age of the patients that died.*

Not applicable.