

Information Governance

21 November 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21763

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Treatment of Headaches and Chronic
Migraines.**

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 October 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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
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Q1.) Could you please provide me with the following numbers of patients treated in the last 6 months, with the following drugs for Chronic Migraine. If none, please state None.

- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

A1. In the last 6 months the number of patients treated with botox, disport and xeomin is detailed below:-

- Botox - 20 patients were treated
- Dysport - None
- Xeomin - None

Q2.) Does your Trust treat migraine with any of the following treatments? If so, how many patients in the last 6 months?

- **Topiramate / anticonvulsants**
- **Beta-blockers / propranolol**
- **Calcium channel blockers**
- **Anti-serotonergics**
- **Tricyclic anti-depressants / amitriptyline**
- **Candesartan / angiotensin II inhibitors**

A2. The number of patients treated with the above treatments within the last 6 months is detailed below:-

- Topiramate / anticonvulsants - Yes, less than 5 patients
- Beta-blockers / propranolol – Yes, Numbers unknown
- Calcium channel blockers – Yes, Numbers unknown
- Anti-serotonergics – Yes, Numbers unknown
- Tricyclic anti-depressants / amitriptyline – Yes, Numbers unknown
- Candesartan / angiotensin II inhibitors – Yes, Numbers unknown

Q3.) Does your Trust run any botulinum A [botox] clinics (regardless of any indication or department)? YES/NO

A3. Yes

**Q4.) Does your organisation run any Clinics where patients have treatment for Headaches and Chronic Migraines? YES/NO
IF YES PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING.**

a. What is the name of these clinics?

A4a. Chronic Migraine/Headache clinic, Neurology clinics, GP headache clinic, Pain Clinics, General medicine Clinics

b. Which department runs the clinic?

A4b. Chronic Pain Department, Neurology and Medicine

c. At which locations are these clinics run? Please provide address and postcode where possible.

A4c. Chronic Pain Dept, GP Headache Clinics, Neurology Clinics, Ulster Hospital, BT16 1RH, and Neurology Clinics in Lagan Valley Hospital, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn BT28 1JP.

d. How frequently are these clinics run?

A4d. One Chronic Pain Clinic per week

e. What is the average number of Chronic Migraine (CM) patients seen per clinic (based on last 6 months data)?

A4e. The average number of chronic migraine patients seen per clinic is four

f. Do any of these clinics use Botulinum A [botox] to manage the pain of headaches and chronic migraines? YES/NO

A4f. Yes

i. If Yes to 4F

Within this/these clinic(s) please provide the number of current Health Care Professionals who are active injectors (within the past 6 weeks) of Botox Treatment for Headaches and Chronic Migraines – If possible please break down by role (Consultant, Other Hospital Doctor (non-consultant), GP, Specialist Nurse, Pharmacists, Other). If this is not possible please state the overall total of current Active Injectors.

Please provide the answers to this question in the table below.

A4i. Please see Table 1 completed below.

Table 1 – Botox Clinic Information

<u>Clinic Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Clinic Location</u>	<u>Clinic Frequency</u>	<u>Average number of CM patients seen per clinic</u>	<u>Botox Treatment at Clinic Y/N</u>	<u>Number of Current (Past 6 Weeks) Active Injectors of Botox as Treatment for Migraine</u>						
						Consultant	Other Hospital Doctor	GP	Specialist Nurse	Pharmacists	Other	TOTAL HCP Active Injectors
Chronic Migraine/Headache clinic	Chronic Pain Dept	Ulster Hospital	Weekly	4	yes	1	0	0	0	0	0	1