

8 December 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21927

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Referrals to St Peter's Andrology Service, London**

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 10 November 2017.

Q1. *Do any or all of the Urology Departments/GUM or Sexual Health clinics/Erectile Dysfunction Clinics within the South Eastern HSC Trust currently have the option to refer male patients to St Peter's Andrology Service in London for any form of assessment or treatment?*

A1. There is an arrangement in place between the Trust and the Health & Social Care Board (HSCB) whereby any Consultant can make a request to refer a patient to any service outside of Northern Ireland, if the service is not available within the region.

Both the Hospital Services and the Primary Care Directorates have confirmed that there have been no referrals to St Peter's Andrology Service in London and that currently there are no plans to make referrals to this service.

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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