

12 September 2018

**Our Ref:** RFI 24733

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Continuing Healthcare**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 15 August 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care and Older People's 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, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. 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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**Catherine Treanor  
Information Governance Assistant**

- Q1. What was the average time period in your health and social care board in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is made to the care package being provided for the financial year 2017/18?**
- Q2. What was the average time period in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is approved to the care package being provided for the financial year 2017/18?**
- Q3. During the financial year 2017/2018, how many applications for fast track CHC did the health and social care board receive?**
- Q4. During the financial year 2017/18, how many applications for fast track CHC were funded?**

A1-4. I can advise that the Trust is waiting for further Guidance and Policy direction from the Department of Health in relation to Continuing Healthcare within the Northern Ireland context. Therefore the answer to all questions is not applicable.