

12 June 2018

**Our Ref:** RFI 23399

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Re: Information in relation to community dental services**

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 3 May 2018 and was part delivered to you on 5 June 2018.

A response to each of the remaining questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older People Directorate and is provided below.

***Q5. How many patients have been treated by your community dental service in the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 year?***

A5. During this time, 7168 individual patients have been treated by the community dental service.

***Q8. What is the current waiting time in weeks for GA (General Anaesthesia) extractions for a referred patient?***

A8. For children the approximate waiting time is 3-6 weeks. GA extractions for adults will only be as part of an overall special needs GA treatment session, there is no separate GA extraction session for adults – therefore no information on this is collected.

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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