

28 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26750

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Sleep Studies**

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 4 January 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services 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) 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 –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. 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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Information Governance Assistant

I am writing to ask if you have any information on the number of sleep tests provided by your Health and Social Care Trust over the past ten years (2008-2018). To find accurate information on sleep tests I am therefore writing to HSCs at an individual level to ask if it is possible to have information on:

Q1. The numbers of sleep tests performed by your HSC annually from 2008-2018 (if possible broken down into the OPCS codes (A84.7 : sleep tests not classified elsewhere (NEC) and U33.1 Polysomnography (including cardiopulmonary sleep studies)

A1. The activity is available in this format for the years 2012/13 and is displayed in Table 1 below

| Year | Number of sleep tests |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 2017/18 | 616 |
| 2016/17 | 729 |
| 2015/16 | 560 |
| 2014/15 | 370 |
| 2013/14 | 408 |
| 2012/13 | 332 |

Table 1

***Q2. Waiting times (2008-2018) associated with:
a) A84.7 Sleep tests not classified elsewhere (NEC) and
b) U33.1 Polysomnography (including cardiopulmonary sleep studies)***

A2. The information is not available by test as requested and Table 2 below displays the available information in relation to general waiting times.

| Waiting time by number of weeks | Number of patients |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 0-3 | 25 |
| 3-6 | 22 |
| 6-9 | 25 |
| 9-13 | 28 |
| 13-21 | 71 |
| 21-26 | 52 |
| > 26 | 133 |
| Total | 356 |

Table 2