

24 January 2019

**Our Ref:** RFI 26738

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Cancelled Operations in 2018**

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 2 January 2019.

A response to the question 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](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 –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**

**Q1. How many operations has the Trust had to cancel in 2018? If possible, provide a break down of how many operations have been cancelled in each month.**

A1. Please see the information in Table 1 below.

Hospital Cancellations due to Non-Clinical Reasons													
No. of Cancellations due to come in during month													
2018													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Hospital Cancellation	49	37	53	49	27	72	16	25	53	33	22	28	464

Table 1