

13 February 2019

**Our Ref:** RFI 26205

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Deaths within the Trust**

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 26 November 2018. I acknowledge your further clarification received on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance and Informatics Directorate and is attached in Appendix A. Please note that some figures have been masked and this is due to the small numbers within a small geographical area.

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**

**For each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 please may you provide**

**Q1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust between 1st January and 31st December.**

A1. Please see Table 1 below which shows the total Deaths on Trust Hospital Sites based on discharge reason - 'Died - No Post Mortem'.

Table 1

	Aged 16 and under	Aged 17 and over
<b>2014</b>	<5	1279
<b>2015</b>	8	1271
<b>2016</b>	6	1249

**Q2. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.**

A2. Please note that no autopsies are carried out within the Trust, however table 2 below shows the intention that an autopsy would be carried out based on the discharge code 'Died - Post Mortem'. To confirm how many post mortems were actually carried out, please contact the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust at the following email address [publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

Table 2

	Aged 16 and under	Aged 17 and over
<b>2014</b>	<5	26
<b>2015</b>	<5	24
<b>2016</b>	5	46

**Q3. The total number of paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths within your Trust between 1st January and 31st December.**

A3. Please see Table 1 above.

**Q4. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.**

A4. Please see Table 2 above.