

Information Governance

1 February 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26598

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Essure Sterilisation Implants**

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 19 December 2018. I also acknowledge the clarification you provided advising that you wanted the information for the period 2017-18 and the previous two years.

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

**Catherine Treanor
Information Governance Assistant**

Q1. How many Essure kits has the Trust bought and had placed in patients in your area - including procedures carried out privately.

A1. Please see below the number of Essure kits the Trust has placed in patients for the time period requested. This does not include procedures carried out privately as this information is not held by the Trust.

- 2015-2016 - 21
- 2016-2017 - 38
- 2017-2018 – 12

Q2. How many complaints has the Trust received in relation to the implants?

A2. The Trust has received less than 5 complaints in relation to implants

Q3. How many have been removed?

A3. The Trust does not hold this information.

Q4. How many women needed a hysterectomy after Essure?

A4. The Trust does not hold this information.