

15 May 2019

Our Ref: RFI 28333

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Patients Discharged at Night**

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 16 April 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.

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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Appendix A

- Q1. I am writing in regards to patients discharged at night.**
- a) Please state how many patients were discharged from wards in your hospitals in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.**
 - b) Please state how many patients were discharged from wards in your hospitals between 11pm and 6am in each of these years.**
 - c) Please state how many of these patients were aged over 65 in each year.**

A1. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Year	Total Discharges	Discharges between 11pm and 6am	Discharges between 11pm and 6am (patients aged 65 and over)
2016/17	37,793	235	32
2017/18	37,392	289	45
2018/19	38,069	268	32

These figures include the Ulster, Bangor, Ards, Lagan Valley and Downe Hospitals.

These figures exclude internal transfers between sites and transfers to other hospitals.

These figures exclude maternity and well babies.