

25 April 2019

Our Ref: RFI 28003

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Prescription of Devices**

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 March 2019.

A response to the first section of the question has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A. A response to the remaining sections will be provided as soon as possible.

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

Q1. How many
a) CPAP machines
b) BiPAP machines, and
c) Mandibular advancement devices (MAD)
have been prescribed each year in your HSC board, in 1) hospital (day or in case), 2) outpatient and 3) community settings, from the year 2000 to present. If available, I would also like to know the number of first prescriptions for each of these these devices for each year from 2000 - present (that is the number of people prescribed a device for the first time).

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a) Please see Table 1

Table 1

Date	Number of CPAP machines
01/04/2013 - 31/03/2014	53
01/04/2014 - 31/03/2015	90
01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	109
01/04/2016 - 31/03/2017	125
01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018	122
01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019	148

The CPAP service started in the Trust on 14/6/2013. The majority of these figures will be for people prescribed the device for the first time. It is not possible to distinguish the numbers who already had machines from other areas.