

24 February 2020

**Our Ref:** RFI 33272

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to childhood cancer and teenage and young adult  
treatment**

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 28 January 2020.

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](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**

- a) How many childhood cancer patients (aged between 0-14 at the time of referral) have been referred by the Trust for cancer treatment year on year for the past five financial years (running from April to March)?**

The Trust does not treat children with cancer.

- b) How many teenage and young adult (TYA) (aged between 15-24 at time of referral) have been referred by the Trust for cancer treatment year on year for the past five financial years?**

The Trust treated 42 patients from February 2017 – January 2019.

**Q2**

- a) How many childhood cancer patients (aged between 0-14 at the time of referral) have been referred by the Trust outside of the Trust area for cancer treatment, year on year for the past five financial years (running from April to March)?**

The Trust does not treat children with cancer.

- b) How many TYA patients (aged between 15-24 at time of referral) have been referred by the Trust outside of the Trust area for cancer treatment, year on year for the past five financial years?**

The Trust treated 18 patients from February 2017 – January 2019.

**Q3**

- a) How much has the Trust spent on childhood cancer treatment (aged between 0-14) for each of the past five financial years?**

The Trust does not treat children with cancer.

- b) How much has the Trust spent on TYA (15-24) cancer treatment for each of the past five financial years?**

This information is not centrally held.

**Q4:**

- a) What was the average wait time for a childhood cancer diagnosis (0-14) in your Trust year on year for the past five financial years?**

The Trust does not treat children with cancer.

- b) What was the average wait time for a TYA cancer diagnosis (15-24) in your Trust year on year for the past five financial years?**

The average wait time is 24 days.