

01 December 2020

Our Ref: RFI 36398

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to the Total Number of Adult Deaths and Autopsies
within the Trust between 1st January and 31st December for the Years 2014,
2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 29 October 2020. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & 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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For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 please may you provide:

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

A1. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Year	Total Deaths
2014	1305
2015	1295
2016	1295
2017	1352
2018	1246
<i>Total</i>	<i>6493</i>

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. I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Trust.
However the information you request may be held by the Coroner's Office.
If you wish to pursue this request I would suggest you contact the Coroner's Office on coronersoffice@courtsni.gov.uk