

11 December 2020

Our Ref: RFI 36610

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Prescribing in Growth Hormone & Acromegaly**

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 20 November 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) 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 patients has your trust treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

A1. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Medication	Number of Patients
Octreotide	12
Lanreotide	1
Pasireotide	0
Pegvisomant	0
Genotropin	1
Humatrope	0
Norditropin	1
Nutropin	0
Omnitrope	0
Saizen	0
Zomacton	0

Please note

The numbers of Octreotide patients listed in the above table have been identified from dispensing records however due to the lack of electronic prescribing; this is not an accurate reflection of actual patient numbers. Other patients may have received these medicines at ward level and that information is not captured electronically so is unable to be retrieved.

Q2. Please provide the number of patients under the age 16 that were treated in the last 12 months with each of the following drugs?

- **Genotropin**
- **Humatrope**
- **Norditropin**
- **Nutropin**
- **Omnitrope**
- **Saizen**
- **Zomacton**

A2. The Trust has not treated any patients under the age of 16 with the above listed medication in the last 12 months.

Q3. How many patients have been treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs for Acromegaly (ICD10 code E22.0) ONLY?

- **Sandostatin LAR**
- **Octreotide Long-Acting (Generic)**
- **Somatuline Autogel**
- **Pasireotide**

A3. The trust has not treated any patients in the last 12 months with the above listed medication for Acromegaly (ICD10 code E22.0) only.