

10 March 2021

Our Ref: RFI 37838

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Risk Assessments for Nose Swabbing in Children
and Babies in the Trust.**

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 19 February 2021.

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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. I am officially requesting to have sight of your risk assessments specifically for nose swabbing (PCR testing) in children and babies in your Trust.

A1. As there is a regional approach to the nose swabbing in children and babies a regional response to this request would be indicated.

The Acute Paediatric Service within the Trust can however provide the following information.

Acute Paediatrics does not have a local risk assessment specifically for nose swabbing (PCR testing) in children and babies; however there is Trust guidance and a training video on the procedure for swabbing.

Please see Attachment 1 – Covid-19 Swabbing Guidance.

Please see following YouTube link to the Trust's training video on Covid-19 swabbing procedure.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeHC-zr62aI>