

03 March 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 37924

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Dialysis and related 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 23 February 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Service 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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**Joyce Batch**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1 How many Dialysis machines do you have?**

A1. The Trust has 35 machines including spares.

**Q2. What type of Dialysis machines do you currently have?**

A2. The Trust has Gambro, Artis and Physio Dialysis machines.

**Q3. Are the machines Trust assets or supplied free of charge for a consumable contract?**

A3. The Dialysis Machines in the Trust are leased as part of Dialysis contract.

**Q4. What Bloodlines do you use?**

A4. The Trust use Gambro and Artis Bloodlines.

**Q5. What Dialysers do you use?**

A5. The Trust use Theranova and Revaclear biocompatible dialysers.

**Q6. Which needles do you use? (Fistula)**

A6. The Trust use the following needles (Fistula):  
a) 15G and 17G Hospal;  
b) 15G Blunt Baxter.

**Q7. Are these Safety needles?**

A7. No, the needles indicated at Q6 above are not safety needles.

**Q8. What Dialysis concentrate do you use?**

A8. The Trust use a range of Softpac dialysis concentrates.

**Q9. What Bicarbonate system and type do you use?**

A9. The Trust use Bicarbonate cartridges.

**Q10. How many Haemodialysis sessions are carried out each month / year in the Trust?**

A10. On average 14500 Haemodialysis sessions are carried out each year in the Trust.

**Q11. How many satellite units do you have?**

A11. There are no Satellite units within the Trust.

**Q12. Are you able to give the patient split between the main unit and the satellite units?**

A12. This question does not apply as there are no satellite units within the Trust.

**Q13 Does the Trust use a Purchasing Framework for procuring dialysis products, if so which?**

A13. Within the Trust, Dialysis products are included in this contract as a cost per treatment.

**Q14. What is the state of the current contract?**

A14. The current contract within the Trust is active to 28/2/23.

**Q15. When is the current contract due to be renewed?**

A15. The Trust will commence retendering activity in Feb 2022.