

26 March 2021

Our Ref: RFI 38265

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Urology (non-urgent) Surgery**

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 18 March 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

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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. What is the current waiting time for Urology (non-urgent) Surgery for removal of a large testicular hydrocele following a confirmed NHS Consultant diagnosis within the South Eastern Trust?

A1. The current average waiting time within the Trust for a non-urgent urology procedure is 88 weeks (please note this is average).
Waiting times may extend due to the current ongoing pandemic and associated actions taken during the pandemic.