

29 April 2021

Our Ref: RFI 37491

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 unopened Vaccine Vials**

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 22 January 2021. Please accept our sincere apologies on the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

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 Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials were reported to have been discarded by South Eastern HSC Trust from December 2 to present? Please provide the reasons for vaccines being thrown away, categorising the numbers by reason.

A1. There was no Pfizer/BoiNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials reported to have been discarded by the Trust from December 2020 to 28 April 2021.

Q2. How many Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials were reported to have been lost by South Eastern HSC Trust from December 2 to present? Please categorise the number of losses by quantity.

A2. There was no Pfizer/BoiNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials reported to have been lost by the Trust from December 2020 to 28 April 2021.

Q3. How many Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials were reported to have been stolen from South Eastern HSC Trust from December 2 to present? Please provide the date, location, and quantity stolen for each reported theft.

A3. There was no Pfizer/BoiNTech Covid-19 unopened vaccine vials reported to have been stolen from the Trust from December 2020 to 28 April 2021.