

06 May 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 38014

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Needle Stick Injuries & Subcutaneous Infusions.**

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 26 February 2021. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics 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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**Q1. What is the size of the Trust in terms of number of beds?**

A1. Please see Table 1 which details beds in Ulster Hospital, Lagan Valley Hospital, Downe Hospital, Ards Hospital, Maternity, Mental Health and Thompson House.

Table 1

<b>Number of beds</b>	815
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**Q2. Please provide the number of needle stick (sharps) injuries reported within the Trust for the following NHS years?**

A2. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

<b>NHS Year (April to March)</b>	<b>Number of reported needle stick (sharps) injuries</b>
April 2017 – March 2018	136
April 2018 – March 2019	86
April 2019 – March 2020	95

**Q3. How many subcutaneous (SC) infusion procedures were conducted by your trust in the following NHS years?**

A3. Please see Table 3.

Table 3

<b>NHS Year (April to March)</b>	<b>Number of SC procedures</b>
April 2017 – March 2018	7776
April 2018 – March 2019	9256
April 2019 – March 2020	11038