

04 May 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 38142

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Usage of Anti-Infective Medications**

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 9 March 2021. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to your request, 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](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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**Information Governance Assistant**

***I am analysing the usage of anti-infective medications and would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions.***

***Q1. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months for Urinary Tract Infections (ICD10 code N39.0) with the following:***

***Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)  
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)  
Meropenem/vaborbactam (Vaborem)  
Cefiderocol (Fetcroja)  
Meropenem***

***Q2. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months for Post-procedural Respiratory Disorders (ICD10 code J95.8) with the following:***

***Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)  
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)  
Meropenem/vaborbactam (Vaborem)  
Cefiderocol (Fetcroja)  
Meropenem***

***Q3. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months for Hospital Acquired Pneumonia (ICD10 codes J15 and Y95 in the same inpatient spell) with the following:***

***Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)  
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)  
Meropenem/vaborbactam (Vaborem)  
Cefiderocol (Fetcroja)  
Meropenem***

***Q4. How many patients who underwent a laparotomy/laparoscopic approach to the abdominal cavity (any one of OPCS codes Y502, Y751, Y752 or Y755) in the last 6 months, were treated with the following:***

***Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)  
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)  
Meropenem/vaborbactam (Vaborem)  
Cefiderocol (Fetcroja)  
Meropenem***

A1-4 The information requested is not held on a central information system at patient level as the Trust does not have electronic prescribing system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records. This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.