

Information Governance

23 July 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 39685

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to the Number of Individuals who Contracted Covid-19  
whilst in Trust Hospitals.**

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 June 2021.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Trust.

However the information you request may be held by the Public Health Agency (PHA). If you wish to pursue this request I would suggest you contact PHA on [foi.pha@hscni.net](mailto:foi.pha@hscni.net)

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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