

29 July 2021

Our Ref: RFI 39847

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to babies born with Down Syndrome in the South
Eastern Trust.**

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 7 July 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. The number of babies born with Down syndrome within your Trust area for;

April 2018 to April 2019

April 2019 to April 2020

April 2020 to April 2021

A1. Please see Table One which sets out the number of babies born with Down Syndrome in the South Eastern Trust for the time period of 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2021 per financial year.

Table One

Year	Births
2018/2019	>5*
2019/2020	7
2020/2021	>5*

**You will note some of the figures have been masked due to a low number in a small geographical area.*