

5 November 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 41212

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Gender Recognition Certificates**

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 8 October 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources & Corporate Affairs 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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Assistant**

**Q1. How many members of your medical staff have a GRC?**

A1. There are no medical staff within the Trust who have a Gender Recognition Certificate.

**Q2. How many members of your medical staff identify as transgender who do not hold a GRC?**

A2. The Trust does not have any medical staff who identify as transgender.

**Q3. Does your trust restrict doctors or nurses with a GRC who are legally recognised as female to conduct intimate exams on females (eg. smear tests, pelvic exams, breast exams)?**

A3. I refer you to Answer 1.

**Q4. Do your trust restrict any of the duties of nurses and doctors who identify as transgender who do not hold a GRC in relation to their work with male or female patients?**

A4. I refer you to Answer 2.