

Information Governance

21 December 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 41832

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to the Vaccination Status of ICU Patients.**

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 15 November 2021. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, due to the impact of Winter Pressures that the Trust is currently facing. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance of this matter

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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**Q1. *As of the 15 November 2021 how many patients in ICU are vaccinated and how many are unvaccinated?***

A1. The Trust does not record the vaccination status of non-covid patients in ICU.

For positive covid patients, on the 15 November 2021 there were 4 unvaccinated and 3 vaccinated patients in ICU.

**Q2. *What method does the Trust use to find out of patients who are admitted to the Hospital are vaccinated?***

A2. For inpatient wards, staff do routinely ask patients or their carers for vaccination status on admission and on occasion check the system as there status is recorded electronically.

For outpatient departments, staff did routinely ask patients for their vaccination status however a number of patients did not wish to disclose this information and as this question was not a requirement by the Department of Health (DoH) the question was removed from the Covid checklist.