



4 April 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 48962

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to the Provision of Bowel Cancer**

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 30 January 2023. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

Further to the response issued to you dated 22 March 2022, a response to questions 6 & 9 has now 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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q6. Do you have ward-based staff skilled in supporting patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, including the digital removal of faeces?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

A6. No, there are currently no acute ward based nursing staff trained/competent to support patients with neurogenic bowel care interventions, however training for this has commenced in March.

**Q9. Does the Trust have an appropriate clinical lead in place (such as a Continence Manager) to manage the overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients?**

**(a) Yes**

**(b) No**

A9. No, the Trust does not have an appropriate clinical lead in place to manage overall delivery of bowel care interventions to patients within Acute Hospital Settings.