



26 April 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 49931

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to 3D Printing Equipment**

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

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics and 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 Manager (Interim)**

**Q1a. Is 3D printing technology being used at your facilities?**

***If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2.***

***If the answer to Q1a is No then:***

A1a. No, the Trust does not use 3D printing technology.

**Q1b. Do you plan on utilizing 3D Printing technology in the near future?**

***If the answer to Q1b is No then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.***

***If the answer to Q1b is Yes then:***

A1b. No, the Trust does not plan on utilising 3D printing technology in the near future.

**Q1c. What part(s) do you intent to 3D print (e.g. Prosthetic limbs, hearing aids etc.)?**

**Q2. What 3D Printers are being used for producing the parts (Brand name & model)?**

**Q3. What type of parts/products are being printed (e.g. Prosthetic hand, prosthetic leg, splint, hip joint etc.) Please be specific.**

**Q4. What materials are being commonly used for 3D printing at your facilities?**

**Q5. What ISO standards and/or other ASTM/BS standards are being followed when producing the parts/products?**

**Q6. Please briefly describe the ethics process that is required for using 3D printing parts in patients?**

A1c-6. N/A