



13 April 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 50117

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Rehabilitation of Patients presenting with upper  
limb weakness following a Neurological event**

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 28 March 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older People 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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**Information Governance Manager**

**Q1. Do you currently use a device for repetitive task training (RTT) as part of upper limb rehabilitation? If so, please indicate device name and supplier.**

A1. No, the Trust does not use a device for repetitive task training (RTT) as part of upper limb rehabilitation.

**Q2. What is the average length of therapy per patient per session (in minutes)?**

**Q3. Do you monitor outcomes: intensity and adherence (%) for this type of therapy?**

**Q4. What are the limitations of current devices?**

**Q5. What are the funding sources (Allocated budget? Spend limit before panel approval?) and procurement routes (direct purchase, rental, framework, tender...) for this type of rehabilitation devices?**

**Q6. What are the criteria of selection for this type of devices?**

A2-6. N/A

### **REHAB AT HOME**

**Q7. Do you provide devices to patients for remotely monitored RTT at home? If not, please explain why?**

A7. No, the Trust does not provide devices to patients for remotely monitored RTT because there is no funding for this equipment.

**Q8. If yes, are these devices portable and would they be suitable for diverse environment (chair, table, wheelchair, or bed)?**

**Q9. Alternatively, do you recommend devices or services to patients, for home RTT therapy? If so, please indicate device name and supplier.**

**Q10. What is the average length of therapy per patient per session (in minutes)?**

**Q11. Do you monitor outcomes: intensity and adherence (%) for this type of home therapy?**

**Q12. What are the limitations with current home devices?**

**Q13. What are the funding sources (Allocated budget? Spend limit before panel approval?) and procurement routes (direct purchase, rental, framework, tender...) for this type of home rehabilitation devices?**

**Q14. *What are the criteria of selection for this type of devices?***

A8-14. N/A