



30 May 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 50797

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Children born in 2017, before their 5th birthday  
have been subject to SEH&SCT**

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 3 May 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services & Social Work 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)**

**Q1. How many children born in 2017 had, before their fifth birthday, been subject in your Health and Social Care Trust area of:**

A1. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Category	No. of Children
A child in need referral	816
A child protection referral	193
Become a child in need	482
Had a child protection investigation	193
Been placed on the child protection register	165
For children who have been registered what was the category of abuse on first registration:	
• Neglect, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse	Nil
• Neglect and Physical Abuse	9
• Neglect and Sexual Abuse	<5
• Physical and Sexual Abuse	<5
• Neglect Only	14
• Physical Abuse Only	<5
• Sexual Abuse Only	<5
• Emotional Abuse Only	21
• Other	116
Been subject of a supervision order (Article 50 or 57)	<5 (at time of 1 <sup>st</sup> admission)
Became looked after	64
Been subject of a care order (Article 50 or 57)	25 (At time of 1 <sup>st</sup> admission)
Became looked after and whose plan was Permanence via adoption	19
Who were adopted	17

Please note that where numbers are 1-4, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.