

2 June 2023

Our Ref: RFI 50746

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Operating Department Practitioners and Theatre
Nurses**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 3 May 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective Care, Maternity & Paediatrics 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) 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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

Q1. *How many registered Operating Department Practitioners and Theatre Nurses there were registered and working with you in October 2022 (or around that time)?*

A1. In October 2022 there were 9.95 whole time equivalent (WTE) Operating Department Practitioners and 99 Theatre Nurses registered and working within the Trust.