

28 June 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 51498

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Business Plans/Funding/Resettlement Document  
in relation to Apple Mews.**

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 06 June 2023.

It has been established that as Apple Mews is a very small home and any information that the Trust would have, even if redacted would still potentially identify any individuals involved and cause unnecessary distress and upset to those involved.

This information relates to personal information, it is exempt from release under Section 40 (2) and 40 (3) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 40 (personal information) states: -

*(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if –*

*(a) it constitutes personal data which not fall within subsection (1), and*

*(b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied*

*(3) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act –*

*(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles.*

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

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 Officer**