

05 July 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51744

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Number of Terminations due to a Down
Syndrome/Trisomy 21 Diagnosis.**

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 20 June 2023.

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

**Robyn Watterson
Information Governance Officer**

Q1. The number of terminations due to a Down Syndrome, Trisomy 21 diagnosis, within your Trust area for

- **April 2021 to April 2022**
- **April 2022 – April 2023**

A1. The table below shows the number of terminations due to a Down Syndrome or Trisomy 21 diagnosis for years, April 2021 to April 2022 and April 2022 to April 2023.

Number of terminations due to a Down Syndrome or Trisomy 21 Diagnosis	
Year	Number of Terminations
April 2021 to April 2022	<5
April 2022 to April 2023	<5

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