

27 July 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 51965

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to HIV Treatment.**

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 July 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](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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**Caroline Degans**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. How many patients were treated in the last 6-month period with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for HIV treatment?**

A1. There were 11 patients treated from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for HIV treatment.

**Q2. How many patients were treated in the last 6-month period with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?**

A2. There were 117 patients treated from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

**Q3. How many packs of Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were dispensed in latest 6-month period for HIV treatment?**

A3. There have been no packs of Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate dispensed from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 for HIV treatment.

Please note that medication used for HIV treatment is dispensed from the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Belfast Trust) pharmacy rather than coming from the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust. You may wish to contact the Belfast Trust at [publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net).

**Q4. How many packs of Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were dispensed in latest 6-month period for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?**

A4. Due to the lack of an electronic prescribing system, it is not possible to provide this level of detail.

**Q5. How many packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) were dispensed in latest 6-month period for HIV treatment?**

A5. There have been no packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) dispensed from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 for HIV treatment.

**Q6. *How many packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) were dispensed in latest 6-month period for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?***

A6. There have been no packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) dispensed from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).