



16 August 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51991

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Lead Water Pipes on Trust Sites**

I refer to your email correspondence dated 21 July 2023, following a response issued to your Freedom of Information request in relation to the above.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Manager (Interim)

- Q1. How many healthcare sites that fall within the trust's property portfolio have buildings that are connected to/contain lead water pipes?
(Please provide this in Microsoft Excel format, broken down by: 'Name of facility', 'address', 'description', e.g. hospital etc., 'summary of what is known about the extent of lead pipes within the building'.)**
- Q2. How many healthcare sites that fall within the trust's property portfolio have buildings that have had lead pipes removed?
(Please provide this in Microsoft Excel format, broken down by: 'Name of facility', 'address', 'description', e.g. hospital etc., 'summary of what is known about the extent of lead pipes within the building' and 'date pipes removed'.)**
- A. In order to provide you with the requested information, the Trust would be required to carry out a survey of each building, which would exceed the fee limit as detailed in the response issued to you 21 July 2023. However, if you could please specify a Hospital site, the service have confirmed a survey can be carried out for one building without exceeding the fee limit.
- Q3. Please provide all correspondence held by you on the issue of 'lead pipes' over the past 12 months.
(This may include, but is not limited to, internal and external emails, letters, business cases and reports. Examples of external correspondence recipients include any Stormont or other Government department, elected representative, public bodies, member of the public and any other outside body.)**
- A3. The Trust has no correspondence saved on the Estates Service shared drive in relation to issues of lead pipes.