

21 April 2022

Our Ref: RFI 43516

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Pregnant Women receiving Treatment for Covid
within the Trust**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 14 March 2022. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. This delay was due to the impact of Winter Pressures on services across the Trust. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance of this matter.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics 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

Please provide following information from the Downe, Lagan Valley and Ulster Hospitals:

Q1. *The number of pregnant women requiring admission to hospital for treatment of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) between 01 March 2021 and 01 March 2022.*

A1. There were 97 pregnant women admitted with a diagnosis of Covid-19 between 1 March 2021 & 1 March 2022 within the Trust.

Q2. *The number of pregnant women requiring admission to Intensive Care Units for treatment of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) between 01 March 2021 and 01 March 2022.*

A2. There were 2 pregnant women admitted to Intensive Care Units for treatment of Covid-19 between 1 March 2021 & 1 March 2022 within the Trust.

Q3. *The number of pregnant women requiring admission to hospital for treatment of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) between 01 March 2021 and 01 March 2022 with no other underlying health conditions.*

A3. The information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this statement acts as a Refusal Notice for Question 3.

Q4. *The number of pregnant women requiring admission to Intensive Care Units for treatment of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) between 01 March 2021 and 01 March 2022 with no other underlying health conditions.*

A4. There were 2 pregnant women admitted to Intensive Care Units for treatment of Covid-19 with no other underlying health conditions between 1 March 2021 & 1 March 2022 within the Trust.

Q5. *The number of miscarriages and stillbirths between 01 March 2021 and 01 March 2022 where SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) ante-natal maternal infection has been a factor*

A5. There were no miscarriages or stillbirths between 1 March 2021 and 1 March 2022.