

01 August 2022

Our Ref: RFI 45350

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to Covid-19 which you requested on 4 July 2022.

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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. We require confirmation of whether your hospitals, to be specific Lagan Valley Hospital and Ulster Hospital, treated anyone suffering from COVID-19 on each of the following dates. For the avoidance of doubt, we do not require any personal data. We simply need a yes/no response that the hospital cared for Covid-19 patients on each of the dates.

- **24 March 2020;**
- **24 June 2020; and**
- **24 September 2020.**

A1. The Trust can confirm that patients suffering from Covid-19 were cared for within the Ulster Hospital and Lagan Valley Hospital on all of the above dates.