

12 January 2022

**Our Ref:** RFI 42106

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Hospital Admissions of Pregnant Women for  
Treatment with Covid-19**

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 2 December 2021. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, due to the impact of Winter Pressures that the Trust is currently facing. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance of this matter

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services 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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**Information Governance Assistant**

***Regarding the period from 01/01/202 until 31/12/2020;***

**Q1. *How many pregnant women were admitted to South Eastern Trust facilities for the treatment of Covid -19?***

A1. There have been 14 Pregnant women admitted to the Trust who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2020 until 31/12/2020.

**Q2. *How many were regarded as being seriously ill?***

A2. There were no pregnant women who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2020 until 31/12/2020 who were admitted to the high dependency unit in the Trust.

**Q3. *How many were admitted for treatment to ICU?***

A3. There were no pregnant women who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2020 until 31/12/2020 who were admitted to ICU in the Trust.

**Q4. *How many required mechanical ventilation?***

A4. There were no pregnant women who required mechanical ventilation.

***Regarding the period 01/01/2021 until the present, or to the latest time when clinical codes are available;***

**Q5. *How many pregnant women were admitted to South Eastern Trust facilities for the treatment of Covid -19?***

A5. There were 64 Pregnant women admitted to the Trust who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2021 until 31/12/2020.

**Q6. *How many were regarded as being seriously ill?***

A6. There were <5 pregnant women who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2021 until 06/12/2021 who were admitted to the high dependency unit in the Trust.

**Q7. *How many were admitted for treatment to ICU?***

A7. There were <5 pregnant women who had a positive covid test result from 01/01/2021 until 06/12/2021 who were admitted to ICU in the Trust.

**Q8. *How many required mechanical ventilation***

A8. There were <5 pregnant women who required mechanical ventilation.

You will note that for Questions 6, 7 and 8 the numbers have been masked. The numbers have been masked because there are a small number of individuals within a small geographical area and therefore the individual could be identified. Potential Identification of the individual may therefore lead to the disclosure of their personal information.

This information relates to personal information, it is exempt from release under Section 40 (2) and 40 (3) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

Section 40 (personal information) states:-

*(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—*

*(a) it constitutes personal data which not fall within subsection (1), and*

*(b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.*

*(3) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act—*

*(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles.*