

21 June 2022

Our Ref: RFI 43914

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
In Relation to How many Serious Adverse Incidents Have Been Declared
Over The Last 3 Financial Years.**

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 8 April 2022. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Human Resources and Corporate Affairs 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

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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. How many Serious Adverse Incidents have been declared by the Trust in each of the last three financial years to date?

A1. The total number of Serious Adverse Incidents declared by the Trust in each of the last three financial years to date are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1

DATE	TOTAL Number of Serious Adverse Incidents Reported to HSCB
01.04.19 – 31.03.20	59
01.04.20 – 31.03.21	70
01.04.21 – 31.03.22	97
TOTAL	226