

22 March 2022

Our Ref: RFI 42860

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to the use of Iron Therapy in Anaemia**

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 28 January 2022. 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 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

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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months (for any disease) with the following products:

- **Feraccru (ferric maltol capsules)**
- **Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)**
- **Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)**
- **Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)**
- **Venofer (iron sucrose injection)**
- **Any of the above 5 products**

A1. The Trust does not currently hold an Electronic Prescribing and Administration System and therefore are unable to provide the requested information accurately.
The above listed medications are stock items and are not supplied for individual patients.

Q2. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients were diagnosed (at any point in the last 12 months) with the following:

A2. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Treatment	Patients Diagnosed
Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18)	2,926
Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50)	2,392
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52)	641
Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96)	2,730
Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72)	577

Q3. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients undertook the following elective surgeries at any point in the last 12 months:

A3. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

Treatment	Patients Treated
Primary Hip Replacement (OPCS codes W371, W381 and W941)	50
Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075)	91
Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336)	128
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453)	These procedures are not carried out within the Trust
Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255)	

Please note for Table 1 & 2 the number of patients diagnosed and treated is based across the whole of the Trust, as detailed in the response to Question 1 the Trust is unable to provide the accurate number of patients treated with listed diseases within the last 6 months due to not having an Electronic Prescribing and Administration System.