



14 September 2023

Our Ref: RFI51991

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Ulster Hospital Lead Pipework**

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 21 August 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates 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
Information Governance Manager (Interim)

Q1. *I would appreciate it if you could do that survey for the Ulster Hospital please. Can you also please explain what a survey entails exactly?*

A1. Following a survey, it has been established that there are no pipework or lead water pipes within any of the buildings within the Ulster Hospital.

The survey included all mains water pipework from the buildings MWS intake to the stopcock/water meter. The survey did not include the site wide infrastructure as this was replaced with a potable water main site ring circa 2012.