

27 September 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 53127

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Staffing Levels in Trauma & Orthopaedics.**

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 30 August 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective Care, Maternity & Paediatrics 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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**Caroline Degans**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. What is Your Hospital Trauma Status?**

**Level 1 – Major Trauma Centre**  
**Level 2 - Trauma Unit**  
**Level 3 - Local Emergency Hospital**  
**Other**

A1. The hospital trauma status is Level 3 – Local Emergency Hospital.

**Q2. Admissions accepted under your T&O Department?**

**Polytrauma**  
**Head Injuries**  
**Spinal Injuries**  
**Paediatrics**

A2. From the list above, the admissions accepted under the Trauma and Orthopaedic department is Paediatrics.

**Q3. Number of Trauma & Orthopaedic Trauma / non-elective beds?**

A3. There are 48 Trauma and Orthopaedic Trauma non-elective beds.

**Q4. Number of Trauma & Orthopaedic elective beds?**

A4. There are no Trauma and Orthopaedic elective beds.

**Q5. Number of Trauma & Orthopaedic Trauma / non-elective admissions? (2022/2023 Financial Year)**

A5. There were 966 Trauma and Orthopaedic Trauma non-elective admissions in the financial year 2022 / 2023.

**Q6. Number of Trauma & Orthopaedic elective admissions? (2022/2023 Financial Year)**

A6. There were 547 Trauma and Orthopaedic elective admissions in the financial year 2022 / 2023.

**Q7. Number of Trauma & Orthopaedic day case admissions? (2022/2023 Financial Year)**

A7. There were 63 Trauma and Orthopaedic day case admissions in the financial year 2022 / 2023.

**Q8. Number of T&O Consultants / SAS / Associate Specialist Grades?**

A8. There are 10 Trauma and Orthopaedic Consultants employed by the Trust. There are 2 SAS Associate Specialists employed by the Trust.

**Q9. Number of T&O middle grades (SpR)? Trust Grade Registrar?**

A9. There are 3 Trauma & Orthopaedic middle grades (SpR) Trust Grade Registrars employed by the Trust.

**Q10. Number of T&O Junior grades (FY / SHO, CT, CF, Trust Grade) Foundation Doctor Trust Grade SHO Core Trainee / Core Fellow GP Trainee?**

A10. There are 2 Trauma and Orthopaedic Foundation Doctor Trust Grade SHO Core Trainees employed by the Trust. There are no Core Fellow GP Trainees employed by the Trust.

**Q11. Number of T&O Trauma Nurses? Please indicate if clinical prescribers.**

A11. There are 3 Trauma & Orthopaedic Trauma nurses employed by the Trust. There are no Trauma Coordinator Clinical Nurse Specialist Advance Care Practitioners.

**Q12. Number of T&O Theatre sessions per week? Trauma Elective Day Case****Notes**

**1 half day theatre = 1 session**

**Am + Pm = 2 sessions**

**Am + Pm + Evening = 3 sessions**

A12. There are 15 Trauma theatre sessions per week. This consists of a mixture of inpatient, booked trauma and book trauma day cases.