

28 November 2023

Our Ref: RFI 53665

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Terminations of Pregnancy.**

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 21 September 2023. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

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) 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

**Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer**

Q1. To ask how many notifications of Termination of Pregnancies have been sent by the Trust to the Chief Medical Officer since the Abortion Regulations (NI) 2020 became legal on 31 March 2020.

A1. From 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2023 there have been a total of 1377 notifications of Termination of Pregnancies sent by the Trust to the Chief Medical Officer.