



23 November 2023

**Our Ref:** RFI 54517

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Hospital Admissions and Ethnicity**

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 31 October 2023.

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](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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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. The total number of gypsies (Ethnicity category White British Other 1K) admitted to hospital between 2016 and 2022 inclusive with:**

- **Ulcerative colitis**

**Q2. The number with ulcerative colitis who underwent a panproctocolectomy.**

**Q3. Crohn's disease.**

**Q4. The number with Crohn's disease who underwent a hemicolectomy.**

A. The Trust are unable to provide the information requested in questions 1 to 4 because patients ethnicity category is not routinely recorded on admission.