

09 January 2024

Our Ref: RFI 55066

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Treatment of Severe Endometriosis Cases
which Require Surgery**

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 29 November 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

Robyn Watterson
Information Governance Officer

Q1. How many patients were on waiting lists for endometriosis surgery during the period:

- **January 1st 2018 – January 31st 2020**
- **January 1st 2021 – October 31st 2023**

Q2. How many women received surgery for endometriosis during the period:

- **January 1st 2018 – January 31st 2020**
- **January 1st 2021 – October 31st 2023**

Q3. How many women are currently on waiting lists for endometriosis surgery as of October?

Q4. What is the average waiting time for endometriosis surgery during the period:

- **January 1st 2018 – January 31st 2020**
- **January 1st 2021 – October 31st 2023**

Q5. What was/is the longest waiting time for endometriosis surgery during the period:

- **January 1st 2018 – January 31st 2020**
- **January 1st 2021 – October 31st 2023**

A1-5. The Trust does not hold a waiting list for endometriosis surgery therefore are unable to provide the information you have requested.

Q6. How many women were sent to Dublin to have surgery?

Q7. How many were outsourced to the private sector both in Northern Ireland and ROI? In this instance could we have a breakdown between NI and ROI please.

A6-7. The Trust does not hold a waiting list for endometriosis surgery therefore we would be unable to send patients to the Republic of Ireland or to the private sector.

Q8. How many endometriosis surgeries have been postponed due to theatre's being required for other patients? And is this mainly cancer patients?

Q9. Are there any women who have been on surgery list since 2018 still waiting to be treated?

A8-9. The Trust does not hold a waiting list for endometriosis surgery therefore are unable to provide the information you have requested.

Q10. *How many outpatient attendances have there been for all endometriosis patients since 2021 – November 20th 2023?*

Q11. *How many women are on an outpatient waiting list for endometriosis treatment?*

A10-11. Endometriosis is not coded as a referral reason therefore the Trust cannot provide the information requested.