

15 January 2024

Our Ref: RFI 55418

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Total Volume of Patients Treated with Intravenous
Medication**

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 13 December 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by Surgery & Elective, 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. What is the total volume of admitted patients and outpatients to your Trust who have received intravenous medication relating to the following product type: chemotherapy, parenteral nutrition (in hospital), home parenteral nutrition and CIVAS.

A1. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Volume	Total Patient Volumes		
	April 20 – March 21	April 21 – March 22	April 22 – March 23
Chemotherapy (at home and in hospital)	5903 Items	8340 Items	11426 Items
Parenteral Nutrition in hospital	1517 Adult 433 Neonatal	1824 Adult 325 Neonatal	1673 Adult 287 Neonatal
Home Parenteral Nutrition	Nil	Nil	Nil
CIVAS	7035 Items	7287 Items	5369 Items

Q2. Is it possible to break down by volume numbers by each NHS body?

A2. The Trust only have one aseptic unit.

Q3. Is it possible to break down by volume numbers by adult vs paediatric categories?

A3. As detailed in the table above, the Trust can only break down the Parenteral Nutrition in hospital. No chemotherapy is prepared for paediatric patients.