

19 January 2024

Our Ref: RFI 55494

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Patients Treated for Biliary Tract Cancer**

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 15 December 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 Planning, Performance and 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) 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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Information Governance Officer

Q1. In the last 12 months, how many individual patients were treated for biliary tract cancer with the following diagnosis codes:

- a) **C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma**
- b) **C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder**
- c) **C24 Malignant Neoplasm of unspecified biliary tract (if possible, could this please be further split to C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct, C24.8 overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract, C24.9 Biliary Tract, Unspecified)**

Could you please also provide a total unique patient number for all the diagnosis codes above, in case they have been coded multiple times.

A1. Please see Table 1 below. The figures have been provided for the last fully coded 12 month period ending July 2023. The response has been provided for hospitals within the Trust where a patient has had a clinical code for diagnosis of the below recorded at any point during their inpatient stay in hospital.

Table 1

Diagnosis Code	Discharges	Unique Patients
C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct	79	27
C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder	35	11
C24 Malignant Neoplasm of unspecified biliary tract	51	8
C24.0	2	2
C24.1*	49	6
C24.8	Nil	Nil
C24.9	Nil	Nil

*Please note C24.1 has been included on the advice of the clinical coding team for accuracy.

Q2. In the last 12 months, how patients were treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer? (C16.7)

A2. There have been no patients treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer in the last 12 months.