



3 June 2024

**Our Ref:** RFI 58640

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Orthopaedic 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 above which you requested on 21 May 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery & Elective, Maternity & Paediatric Services 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. Please confirm the number of orthopaedic cases carried out annually?**

**Q2. Please confirm the cost of these procedures annually?**

**Q3. Please confirm the type of orthopaedic surgeries carried out?**

A1,3. In regards to questions 1 to 3, the Trust is not commissioned to deliver an Elective Orthopaedic Service.

However, the Trust delivers an Acute Fracture Service. If your request relates to the Acute Fracture Service please re submit your request to Information Governance and your request will be processed.