

28 June 2024

Our Ref: RFI 58995

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Peg Feeding for Children.**

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 12 June 2024.

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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

Q1. How many children in your Trust are on a waiting list to have a peg feed inserted?

A1. The Trust is unable to provide the information requested, as this service is provided by the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Belfast Trust). You may wish to contact the Belfast Trust at publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net.

Q2. What is the length of the waiting list for this procedure within your Trust?

Q3. What services are available within your Trust for the insertion of a peg?

Q4. Which hospitals within your Trust can perform Peg feeding insertion for children?

Q2-4 As this service is not provided by the Trust, these questions do not apply.