



5 July 2024

Our Ref: RFI 58046

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Number of Cancelled Children's Operations**

I am writing to confirm that, following the response issued to you dated 7 June 2024, the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the remainder of the information relating to above which you requested on 24 April 2024. 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 & 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please tell us the number of children's operations* that were cancelled for any reason in the calendar year 2022.

A1. For the calendar year 2022 the Trust has recorded 60 cancellations against Children aged from 16 to 18 years old, in respect of cancellations within 2 days of the to come in (TCI) date.

Q2. Please tell us the number of children's operations that were cancelled for any reason in the calendar year 2023.

***Children's operations means paediatric surgery and surgery on children and young people under 18 years.**

A2. Please note the Trust can only provide figures up to 8 November 2023 due to migrating to the new Encompass system.

From 1st January 2023 to 8th November 2023 the Trust has recorded 95 cancellations against Children aged from 16 to 18 years old, in respect of cancellations within 2 days of the to come in (TCI) date.