



25 September 2024

Our Ref: RFI 59483

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Surgical Procedures**

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 16 August 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the question 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) 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. I am seeking the number (volume) of surgical procedures performed at your hospital for the following types of procedures:

- **Bariatrics**
- **Colon Resection**
- **Rectal Resection**
- **Gastrectomy**
- **HPB**
- **Inguinal Hernia**
- **Ventral Hernia**
- **Hysterectomy - Benign**
- **Hysterectomy - Malignant**
- **Lobectomy**
- **Cystectomy**
- **Prostatectomy**

I would like to request the data for the most recent year available; any other recent year that you have on record.

If your hospital does not perform a certain type of procedure, please just indicate that with a "0."

A1. Please see Table 1 for surgical procedures performed.

Table 1

Procedure	No. Performed
Bariatrics	<5
Colon Resection	206
Rectal Resection	109
Gastrectomy	<5
HPB	356
Inguinal Hernia	445
Ventral Hernia	54
Hysterectomy – Benign	123
Hysterectomy – Malignant	35
Lobectomy	0
Cystectomy	0
Prostatectomy	141

Please note, where numbers are 1-4, within Table 1, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.