



8 November 2024

Our Ref: 308

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Lactose Intolerance Medication**

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 23 October 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) 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

This is an information request relating to Lactose intolerance medication.

Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

- Q1. What lactose intolerance medication is prescribed by the NHS Trust?***
- Q2. Total expenditure by the NHS Trust on Lactose intolerance medication for each financial year?***
- Q3. Total number of people that received lactose intolerance medication for each financial year?***
- Q4. A breakdown of the spending in terms of what form of lactose intolerance medication is administered.***

A1-4. The Trust do not issue Lactose Intolerance Medication, therefore in regards to questions 1 to 4 there is no information to be released.