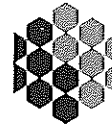


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Date: 16 July 2014

Dear Jo-Anne

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 33961/11-15) seeking information on the number of patients repatriated from consultants at the Renal Unit at the Belfast City Hospital to Renal Consultants in other Health and Social Care Trusts in each month of the last two years; and how many were (i) by patient request; and (ii) at the instigation of the consultant.

In answer, Belfast Trust advised that information on the number of patients who have been repatriated from consultants at the Renal Unit at the Belfast City Hospital was not available. They identified that it is possible to identify patients discharged to another hospital. However, if a patient is transferred to a hospital outside the Belfast Trust it is not possible to identify the specialty under which they were subsequently admitted.

On Monday 23 June, you raised a follow-up AQ, seeking to determine why Belfast Trust had been previously unable to identify the number of repatriated patients. In answer, the following response was received from Belfast Trust.

"The Belfast HSC Trust would like to apologise that we were not previously able to provide this information as it is not available via our Patient Administration System. Since our previous response, we have been able to complete a manual review of all patients who have attended the Belfast City Hospital from April 2012 until March 2014. In total, 101 renal transplant recipients have been repatriated to other units from Belfast City hospital (BCH). This is always by agreement of all parties (patient, BCH consultant, non-BCH consultant)."

I trust that you find this response helpful and I apologise for any delay or inconvenience this has caused to you. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

Edwin Poots MLA
Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety

REVISED RESPONSE AQW 33961/11-15

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

ORIGINAL DATE FOR ANSWER: 23 June 2014

ORDINARY WRITTEN No: AQW 33961/11-15

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Date: 16/7/14.

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety