



4 February 2025

Our Ref: FOI 407

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to CAMHS Service**

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 27 November 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 Children's Services and Social Work 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. Can you confirm the number of children from the South Eastern Trust who have been deemed ineligible and discharged from the CAMHS service over the past 18 months?**
- Q2. Can you confirm how many of these children have been passed onto services within the community sector and how many letters of consent for the passing of patient information have been sent to legal guardians of those children?**

A1&2. In response to questions 1 and 2, please be advised that the CAMHS service is run by the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (Belfast Trust) therefore the Trust do not hold the requested information. If you wish to pursue your request please refer to the Belfast Trust on publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net

- Q3. Can you confirm how many Autism assessors are currently employed by the trust and from the date of this correspondence, how many are currently on sick leave?**

A3. Within the Trust Children's Autism services, there are currently 17 staff employed who undertake autism assessments, as the majority are part-time or work a proportion of their time undertaking autism assessments, these 17 staff equates to 6.3 whole time equivalent (WTE).

There are no staff who undertake autism assessments who are currently off sick.