



04 February 2025

Our Ref: FOI 451

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Looked After Children – Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children

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 24 December 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. For the children looked after (CLA) who arrived in the UK as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) and were in the care of your local authority between January 2015 and December 2024, please provide the total number of:

- **deaths;**
- **deaths, where the death is known to be self-inflicted or by suicide.**

A1. Nil, there were no deaths.

Q2. For the former relevant children (FRC) aged up to 25 years old, who arrived in the UK as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) and were in touch with your local authority between January 2015 and December 2024, please provide the total number of:

- **deaths;**
- **deaths, where the death is known to be self-inflicted or by suicide.**

A2. Nil, there were no deaths.

Q3. For each case related to questions 1 or 2, please provide:

- **the date of death;**
- **the nationality of the deceased;**
- **the age at the time of death;**
- **the full name of the deceased;**
- **the cause of death.**

A1. N/A.