

1 July 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1204

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Young Carers**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above, which you requested on 28 May 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics 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

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

- Q1. How many young people (Under 18) are registered as young carers?**
- Q2. Can you provide an annual breakdown of this figure from 2020 - 2025 inclusive?**
- Q3. What is the youngest young carer that you have on your records?**

A1-3 The Trust does not hold the information that you require. Young carers 18 years old and under, are signposted and supported by Action for Children, who offers support to carers aged 8-18 years old.