



2 September 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1338

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Hospital Discharges**

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 8 August 2025.

A response to each of the questions 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:

- 2025/2026 (So Far)
- 2024/2025
- 2023/2024

Q1. Please provide the total number of incidents, where individuals were discharged from hospital to “no fixed abode”.

A1. Please see Table 1.

*Please note that the Trust implemented a new electronic data system on 9th November 2023 and prior to this date, the information requested is not available. This is because the Trusts previous data system did not have the field ‘no fixed abode’ available as an option.

Table 1

Year	No. of Discharges
2023/2024*	10
2024/2025	51
2025/2026 (to 31/07/25)	20

Q2. Of these, how many of the discharges occurred;
a. at the weekend?
b. During Monday-Friday but outside of the hours 09:00-17:00?

A2. Please see Table 2 for weekend discharges and Table 3 for Monday to Friday discharges (outside the hours 9am to 5pm).

Table 2

Year	No. of Weekend Discharges
2023/2024*	<5
2024/2025	5
2025/2026 (to 31/07/25)	<5

Table 3

Year	No. of Mon to Fri Discharges
2023/2024*	<5
2024/2025	17
2025/2026 (to 31/07/25)	5

Please note where numbers in individual cells are given as <5, within Tables 2,3 & 4, in line with Trust policy, the data is aggregated to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.

Q3. Of those incidents recorded in Q1, how many were readmitted within 6 months of being discharged (and were still of no fixed abode)?

A3. Please see Table 4.

Table 4

Year	No. of Mon to Fri Discharges
2023/2024*	<5
2024/2025	8
2025/2026 (to 31/07/25)	<5