

Information Governance

21 June 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20495

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Male Eating Disorders**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 26 May 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

Request Part one

Q1) *Is there an adult inpatient eating disorder unit within your service?*

A1. The Trust does not provide any specialist Eating Disorder Services. Adult patients who require inpatient treatment and care for eating disorders are admitted to a general acute mental health inpatient unit, where a shared care arrangement is in place with specialist input from the Belfast Eating Disorder Team.

Q2) *Is there a Children and Young Persons' (Child and Adolescent Mental Health) inpatient eating disorder unit within your service?*

A2. The Trust does not provide Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs). CAMHs are delivered by the Belfast Trust.

Q3) *For each unit within your service, how many beds are there for a) females; and b) males?*

A3. Not applicable.

Q4) *If these services are commissioned, how far are they from your trust area for a) females; and b) males?*

A4. Patients who have complex needs that cannot be met within an Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit may be referred as an Extra Contractual Referral to a specialist centre in Great Britain. This is done on a case by case basis and only in exceptional circumstances.

Q5) *For each of these commissioned services, how many beds are there for a) females; and b) males?*

A5. A number of specialist inpatient services for Eating Disorders have been commissioned and this is done on an individual basis. Therefore, we cannot report on the number of male/female beds.

Request Part two

A. In respect of questions 1 – 12 asked under the second part of your correspondence, I can advise that data relating to diagnosis on initial referral to the Trust is not collated. In the majority of cases the diagnosis is not clear at the point of referral.

Specialist Eating Disorder Services for people living within the Trust catchment area are delivered by Belfast Trust and we understand that they are in a position to give a breakdown of the data requested. Should you wish to pursue this please contact the Belfast Trust on their email address publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net.