

10 July 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20740

Dear

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

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 22 June 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services Directorate and the Nursing, Primary Care and Older People's 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**

I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. Please provide the following information:

- Q1. *Do you provide a specialist service for people with eating disorders, or do patients rely on a range of general services?*
- A1. The Team based at Woodstock Lodge, located within the Belfast Trust Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT), provides specialist eating disorder service to adults living in both the BHSCT and South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (the Trust).
- Q2. *How many full time consultant psychiatrists do you specifically employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A2. The Trust and BHSCT combined, employ one 0.95 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Consultant Psychiatrist and 0.6 FTE Speciality Psychiatrist.
- Q3. *How many full time junior and senior trainees do you employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A3. The Trust and BHSCT combined do not employ junior or senior trainees but have provided special interest placements for same.
- Q4. *How many full time psychological therapist (including clinical and counselling psychologists, CBT and family therapists) do you employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A4. There are 6 FTE Eating Disorder Therapists that cover both the Trust and BHSCT areas.
- Q5. *How many full time nurses do you employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A5. The Trust and BHSCT combined, employ 3 Eating Disorder Therapists who have a nursing background. They also employ a Nurse Practitioner, Staff Nurse and Health Care Assistant in the Adult Eating Disorders Team.
- Q6. *How many full time dieticians do you employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A6. The Trust and BHSCT combined, employ 1.0 FTE Dietician between them. There are no empty posts. The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust hold 2 clinics per month for Eating Disorder patients.

- Q7. *How many full time occupational therapist/creative therapist do you employ for the treatment of people with eating disorders? How many of these posts are empty at present, if any?*
- A7. The Trust and BHSCT combined are currently in the process of recruiting 0.7 FTE Occupational Therapists.
- Q8. *Please state the size of the population served by your organisation.*
- A8. The Trust population size is 357,000.