

11 September 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21146

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Number of Patients Registered Blind or
Partially Sighted**

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 15 August 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services and Prison Healthcare 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**

Please see the attached freedom of information request for figures from the registers of blind and partially sighted people held by each HSC Trust in Northern Ireland. An information return form is included in the attached along with guidance on the figures being requested.

This information is being requested to update and expand on figures provided in response to a question in Stormont in 2010 to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. This question and response is also provided in an attached document for your information.

Please see below tables completed as requested.

	Blind/severely sight impaired persons registered at end of reporting period	Partial sight/sight impaired persons registered at end of reporting period
Age 0 – 17	22	80
Age 18 – 49	109	184
Age 50 – 64	129	179
Age 65 – 74	65	175
Age 75 and over	239	980
Total	564	1598

	New registrations of blind/severely sight impaired persons during reporting period	New registrations of partial sight/sight impaired persons during reporting period
Age 0 – 17	4	19
Age 18 – 49	4	12
Age 50 – 64	6	22
Age 65 – 74	2	24
Age 75 and over	6	141
Total	22	218