

30 October 2017

**Our Ref:** RFI 21492

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Palliative Care Provision for Acute Stroke Patients**

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 September 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital 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

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**Laura Algie**  
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Could you please provide me with the following information:

During the last 5 years,

- *How many patients were admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust?*

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Number</b>	687	652	646	642	608

- *How many patients admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust were referred for palliative care?*

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Number</b>	13	7	13	<5	5

- *How many patients admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust, and who died before they were discharged, were referred for palliative care?*

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Number</b>	<5	5	8	<5	<5

- *How many patients admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust, and then transferred to a non-acute hospital, were referred for palliative care?*

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Number</b>	0	0	0	0	0

- *How many patients admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust, and then discharged home, were referred for palliative care?*

This is difficult to qualify due to

1. Classification / type and severity of the stroke
2. Differences in systems and coding between acute and community

- *How many patients admitted to hospital for acute stroke in the South Eastern Trust, and then discharged home, received palliative care from a Community Stroke Team?*

Year	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Number</b>	0	0	0	0	0