

25 September 2018

Our Ref: RFI 24895

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to suicide statistics**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 28 August 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services & Prison Healthcare 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, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. 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

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Information Governance Assistant

- Q1. How many people died by suicide in the South Eastern Trust area in the last three years? Please break down numbers in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018.**
- Q2. How many of these people per year were male and female?**
- Q3. How many of these people per year had prior known mental health conditions- both male and female?**
- A. Please see Table 1 below which outlines the information you requested.

Table 1

Year	Total	Male	Female	Known to MH Services
2016	47	34	13	18
2017	41	31	10	23
2018 (31.08.18)	29	22	<10	<10

You will note that some of the numbers have been masked and this is due to small numbers within a small geographical area.

Q4. If applicable, what mental health conditions were listed?

- A. The information requested is not centrally held. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.