

Information Governance

4 January 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22087

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Mental Health Beds and Patient Restraints**

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 24 November 2017.

A response to your request 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**

- Q1. What is the total number of inpatient beds in your trust based within:**
- a. PICU (Psychiatric Intensive Care Units) Wards - Please provide numbers for both Adult and Children's services.**
 - b. Acute Psychiatric Wards- Please provide numbers for both Adult and Children's services.**

A1 (a) The Trust has 6 adult PICU beds and 10 adult low-secure beds giving a total of 16. We do not have provision for Children's PICU beds. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are delivered by the Belfast Trust.

A1 (b) The Trust currently has 72 adult acute psychiatric inpatient beds which includes over 65 years with functional mental illness. We also have the capacity to increase this number on a contingency arrangement. We do not have provision for Children's acute psychiatric inpatient beds. As advised above CAMHS is delivered by the Belfast Trust.

- Q2. Regardless of ward or mental health service type, what is the total number of patient restraints that occurred within your organisation:**
- a. Over the past 12 months – November 2016 -October 2017?**
 - b. Over the 12 month period of November 2015-October 2016?**

A2 (a) There were a total of 152 episodes of patient restraint carried out within our psychiatric wards between November 2016 and October 2017.

A2 (b) There were a total of 186 episodes of patient restraint carried out within our psychiatric wards between November 2015 and October 2016.