

29 June 2018

Our Ref: RFI 23770

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to mental health issues for ex-military and ex-security services personnel.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 5 June 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

Victoria Smith
Information Governance Assistant

I am trying to build a picture of the scale of mental health issues among ex-military veterans / ex-police and prisoner officers in Northern Ireland.

Please could you advise for each year individually from 2010 up until the present;-

- Q1. How many people in these categories have been treated for mental health issues in Northern Ireland. (please break down by area of service, eg army, RAF, navy, police, prison service etc***
- Q2. If possible please advise the conditions being treated eg PTSD and break down as above categories.***
- Q3. Please advise the number of known suicides in each year in these categories***
- Q4. Please advise the number of people with suicidal thoughts in each year in these categories***

A1-4. Undoubtedly the Trust will treat current and former military, police and prison service personnel within our range of mental health services, however this information is not centrally held as it is not required for any Business Purposes. The mental health services are simply not configured to provide the precise detail you have requested in relation to Services Personnel.