

Information Governance

28 November 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18724

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Attendances at AE by people suffering with Mental Health related Issues for the period 1 January – 30 September 2012-2016

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 20 October 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised is attached in a separate document.

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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Q1. How many attendances have there been at A&E by people suffering with mental health related issues (for example, categories including, psychiatric conditions, social problems, self-harm) over the last five calendar years (2012/2013/2014/2015/ January 1st – September 30th 2016)?

Please give the breakdown for under 18s and over 18s attendances (and if possible a further breakdown of ages for under 18s). If possible, for each year, please state how many people waited longer than the four hour waiting target. If the trust is in charge of more than one hospital, please give separate information per hospital please.

A1. Please see response provided in Tables 1,2 and 3 below.

Table 1 – Ulster Hospital

Ulster Hospital Total Emergency Department Psychiatric Attendances including Self Harm				
	2013	2014	2015	
Under 18 years	313	376	325	
Over 18 years	1310	1604	1552	
Total	1623	1980	1877	

Table 2 – Lagan Valley Hospital

LVH Total ED Psychiatric Attendances including Self Harm*				
	Data unavailable from the recording system			
		232	308	
Total		232	308	
*please note unable to provide age breakdown				

Table 3 – Downe Hospital

DOWNE Total Emergency Department Psychiatric Attendances including Self Harm*				
	Data unavailable from the recording system			
		186	209	
Total		186	209	
*please note unable to provide age breakdown				
*NB unable to provide data for under 18 years				
These figures are based on triage presentation, not final diagnosis				