

13 December 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18760

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Psychiatric inpatients sent out of county**

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 25 October 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Mental Health Department 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**

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Q1. *I would like to know, over the last five years (2012/2013/2014/2015/ January 1st - October 30th 2016) how many psychiatric patients were sent out of their respective counties for inpatient treatment.*

A1. The information outlined below has been collated by the Health and Social Care Board:

Northern Ireland has a smaller population than mainland Britain and has five Health and Social Care Trusts which provide services across counties and identified boundaries. Therefore, the data outlined in Table 1 below in column three refers to individuals from within the South Eastern Trust catchment who were admitted to a hospital in another Trust area. There is no specific data which highlights receiving Trusts for the years 2009-2013: only numbers of individuals as outlined below.

Table 1

Financial Year	*Numbers sent to other Trusts outside NI for care and Treatment from South Eastern Trust	Numbers sent to other Trusts within NI for care and Treatment from South Eastern Trust
2009/2010	Unknown	39
2010/2011	Unknown	40
2011/2012	unknown	29
2012/2013	<5	81
2013/2014	<5	46
2014/2015	7	31
2015/2016	8	24
March-September 2016	7	22

*This data denotes individuals who received care in Trusts outside of Northern Ireland. These individuals are predominately individuals with an eating disorder or complex personality disorders who required specialist inpatient treatment not available in Northern Ireland

Q2. Please give the break down per year and per county, and state where they were from and where they were sent (e.g. Exeter to Manchester)

A2. Please see Table 2 & 3 below.

Table 2

Financial Year	Receiving Trusts	Numbers received by other Trusts from SET
2009/2010	Data Unknown	39
2010/2011	Data Unknown	40
2011/2012	Data Unknown	29
2012/2013	Data Unknown	81
2013/2014	Data Unknown	46

Table 3

Financial Year	Receiving Trusts	Numbers Received
2014/2015	Belfast	15
	Southern	<5
	Western	15
	Northern	0
2015/2016	Belfast	5
	Southern	16
	Western	<5
	Northern	<5
March-October 2016	Belfast	<5
	Southern	13
	Western	<5
	Northern	<5

- Q3. *Please give two separate lists for adults and under 18s per county.*
- A3. The Trust does not provide inpatient facilities for patients aged under 18 years. All data applies to adults only.
- Q4. *Please state the total cost per year to fund these patients' beds; if possible please give the breakdown per county/trust.*
- A4. The data in Table 4 below denotes the cost for individuals who received care in Trusts outside of Northern Ireland only and for the identified years only. Any admissions to other Trusts within Northern Ireland do not incur additional costs.
- Q5. *If possible, I would also like to know if there have been any instances over the last five years when bed and breakfasts/hotels or other accommodation was used because a hospital bed wasn't available? If yes, please give details, e.g. dates, locations, costs involved.*
- A5. There have been no instances of Bed and breakfast/hotels or other accommodation used because a hospital bed wasn't available.

Table 4 - Mental Health ECR's from January 2012 – October 2016:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Co Down → Doncaster £200,413.85	Co Down → Doncaster £225,444.24	Co Down → Liverpool £314,227.46	Co Down → Liverpool £312,557.00	Co Down → Liverpool £237,309.74
Co Down → Northampton £210,625.68	Co Down → Northampton £210,050.20	Co Down → Northampton £202,599.44	Co Down → Northampton £180,930.00	Co Down → London £94,536.25
Co Down → London £234,452.16	Co Down → London £125,762.68	Co Down → London £144,190.50	Co Down → London £62,198.00	Co Down → Northampton £162,722.36
Co Down → London £50,576.04		Co Down → Northampton £158,157.00	Co Down → Northampton £210,563.92	Co Down → Kent £250,110.22
		Co Down → Oxford £26,480.0	Co Down → Kent £84,788.00	Co Down → Glasgow £101,815.00
		Co Down → London £23,807.25	Co Down → Glasgow £113,770.00	Co Down → Glasgow £69,215.00
		Co Down → Glasgow £117,194.00	Co Down → Glasgow £43,441.00	Co Down – London £8,250.00
			Co Down → Glasgow £79,660.00	
Total Spend: £690,067.73	Total Spend: £561,257.12	Total Spend: £986,655.77	Total Spend: £1,087,907.92	Total Spend: £923,958.57