

28 January 2019

**Our Ref:** RFI 26819

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request for information on the number of children in care that have been reported as missing from 2008 to 2018 has now been considered by the South Eastern H&SC Trust (the Trust) and unfortunately cannot be processed.

In order to obtain this information would require an extensive audit of individual files of all the young people who lived in the Trust's Children's homes over a 10 year period. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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

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](mailto: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 –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. 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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