

31 January 2019

Our Ref: RFI 26755

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Mental Health Support Waiting Times**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 7 January 2019.

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 –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

Jane McCormick
Information Governance Assistant

- Q1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for mental health support following referral from GP or other medical professionals?**
- Q2. In relation to the current waiting list, what is the longest length of time that someone has been waiting? How many have been waiting that long?**
- Q3. What is the average waiting time?**

A1-3. Please see Table 1 below which provides figures as of 15 January 2019.

	Community Mental Health Services	Community Addiction Services Waiting List:
Waiting list	541 patients	216 patients
Longest waiting time	78 days (1 person)	43 days (1 person)
Average waiting time	58 days	26 days

Table 1

- Q4. How many on the waiting list are under 18?**

A4. The services within the Trust do not provide routine services to persons under the age of 18 years of age. Our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are contracted through the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.