

7 March 2019

Our Ref: RFI 27449

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Prevalence of Internet Gaming Disorder**

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 18 February 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services and 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

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Information Governance Assistant

- Q1. We would like to request the following information about the facilities and capacity to deal with internet gaming/video game addiction:**
- a) Types of services offered for problem gaming/video game addiction**
 - b) Number and job title of qualified mental health professionals within each service who offer treatment for internet gaming disorder**
 - c) Number of behavioural addiction specialists within the Trust**
 - d) Number of child and adolescent specialists who offer treatment for this disorder**
 - e) Lowest age limit for referral to service**
- A1. The Trust does not provide a bespoke standalone service to address or to treat internet gaming disorders/video game addiction. Each presentation is assessed and treated on an individual basis by the appropriate mental health or addictions professional.
- Q2. If you currently do not offer specific services for problem gaming/video game addiction, do you plan to in the future?**
- A2. The Trust has no plans to develop a specific service for the problems raised by internet gaming disorders/video game addiction.
- Q3. We would also like to gather specific referral data for any individuals that had been referred for treatment of problem gaming for the calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (year to date), including the following information:**
- a) Number of referrals where problem gaming was the primary reason for referral**
 - b) Age of referrals**
 - c) Gender of referrals**
 - d) Type of treatment and/or talking therapies offered**
 - e) The estimated time spent on a waiting list prior to initial contact**
 - f) How many attended first appointment**
 - g) How many never attended**
 - h) How many completed treatment**
- A3. The Trust's Information Systems do not capture the type of detail requested in respect of internet gaming disorders/video game addiction.
- Q4. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URL's.**
- A4. The Trust is not aware of any information available in the public domain.