

20 May 2019

Our Ref: RFI 28370

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to LGBTQ+ Mental Health Services**

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 17 April 2019.

A response to Questions 2, 3 and 4 has been provided by the Human Resources and Corporate Affairs Directorate and is attached in Appendix A. A response to Question 1 has not yet been provided but will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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

I am writing to make an open government request information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am part of a team conducting a NIHR funded research study (see details at the end of this letter) looking to map all of the LGBTQ+ specific mental health services for young people aged 12 – 25 years. We are interested in finding out information about any early intervention services, especially CAMHS and EIS that provide specialist LGBTQ+ mental health support. Please could you provide answers to the following questions:

Q1. Does your trust provide a specific mental health service for LGBTQ+ young people? (for example: specific LGBTQ+ group within a wider service, or an employee whose job is wholly or partly to provide specifically for LGBTQ+ young people). If yes: who would be the best person to contact about this service (name / email)?

A1. The Information Governance Department is currently waiting for a response from the Adult Services and Prison Healthcare Directorate. We hope to be in a position to respond by the end of the month. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

***Q2. a) Are your staff offered LGBTQ+ awareness training?
b) If yes: is this training mandatory?***

A2. a) Yes.
b) Yes.

Q3. Do you deliver the training in house or is it provided by an external partner?

A3. The training is delivered in house.

Q4. Do you have a specific policy for working with LGBTQ+ people? (Separate from a wider equality/diversity or inclusion statement)

A4. Yes.