

Information Governance

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Our Ref: RFI 28246

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Funding of Treatment for Alcohol and
Substance Misuse**

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 9 April 2019. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance and Estates 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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I am writing to you to request information regarding the funding of treatment for alcohol and substance misuse in each local authority (or your equivalent to a Local Authority).

Please provide answers to the following eight questions. For all years please read this as 'financial year ending' or 'calendar year ending' whichever applies in your HSCT:

Q1. Is the budget for the treatment of addiction within the Adult Social Care budget? If not please state the relevant budgetary category of these services.

A1. Yes.

Q2. How much was spent on residential rehabilitation in treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years: 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

A2. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£	517,149	560,014	631,197	645,004	728,964

Please note the reporting mechanism in the Trust prior to 2013/14 was not by expenditure but by variance, therefore actual expenditure data is not available.

The Trust does not provide services for problematic gamblers if this is their primary addiction. It signposts referrals to its statutory partner agencies who have bespoke services for this patient group.

Q3. How much was spent on non-residential rehabilitation in treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

A3. Please see Table 2.

Table 2

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£	789,815	784,403	785,815	804,370	819,651

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Q4. Have you implemented any specific programs to prevent addiction?

A4. Please see the programs listed below.

a) Ascert:

- Early intervention and treatment to under 25's and families
- Community awareness sessions – info, advice and signposting
- Tier 1 and 2 workforce development courses
- Family intervention services – support for family members
- Brief interventions and extended interventions

b) Connections Service:

- Prevention work as part of DACT Services
- RAPID bin deployment – for disposal of illicit and prescribed drugs in communities
- Dry January initiatives
- Alcohol awareness week
- A number of initiatives within sports clubs, community groups to raise awareness and promote healthy lifestyles

c) South Eastern Trust:

- Substance Misuse Liaison service which is working in Acute Hospitals
- Benzodiazepine Project Worker working in Primary Care with GP practices reducing the prescribing of benzodiazepine, hypnotic and opioid drugs
- Motivational Interviewing training for staff to help them broach addiction related issues with patients and families
- Steps to Cope – working to reduce the impact of living with parental substance misuse (for young people)
- Rory manual – raising awareness of parental substance misuse with young children

d) Alcohol & You:

- Development of Alcohol & You website, self-help material, information repository and mobile App
- Counselling, support, information and awareness for family members affected by substance misuse
- Range of self-help material, booklets and information leaflets distributed through all acute and mental health hospitals, community and outpatient centres.

Q5. How much was spent on prevention of addiction in the following years: 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016/ 2017/2018

A5. Please see Table 3.

Table 3

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£	457,306	459,509	488,330	211,875	114,668

The reduction in expenditure from 2015/16 to 2016/17 was due to Lottery funding for a project coming to an end.

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Q6. What was the total spend on treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling in the following years 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016/ 2017/2018. This figure should be a total of residential, non-residential treatment but must exclude prevention. If this is not possible to separate please indicate the same and include the available total. In the case that the budget provided includes spending on something other than residential and non-residential treatment, please specify this.

A6. Please see Table 4.

Table 4

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£	1,306,964	1,344,417	1,417,012	1,449,374	1,548,615

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Q7. What is the current proposed budget for treating addiction to illicit drugs, alcohol or gambling until 2022 or as far forward as your records allow up to 2022?

A7. Please see Table 5.

Table 5

Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
£	1,810,479	1,846,689	1,883,622	1,921,295

Q8. How much was provided by way of the public health grant (or relevant funding source) in 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 /2012 /2013 / 2014 / 2015/ 2016 / 2017 / 2018

A8. Please see Table 6.

Table 6

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£	1,662,485	1,776,407	1,970,089	1,802,016	1,563,527

The reduction in public health grant between 2016/17 and 2017/18 was due to the cessation of funding for the pilot of a project for alcohol related brain disorders.

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