

26 June 2019

Our Ref: RFI 29125

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Trusts Personality Disorder Policy**

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 3 June 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

V Smith (Mrs)
Information Governance Manager

- Q. Please provide copies of all policies relating to the treatment of patients diagnosed with a personality disorder. Please include whole policies relating to this and also other policies where personality disorder is specifically mentioned e.g. relating to the management of risk.**
- A. The Trust established a working group to oversee the development of a pathway for people with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder. When completed, the pathway will describe a range of services and interventions that will be accessible to patients and establish standards of care that service users and carers may expect. The pathway will be commensurate with NICE Guidance.

At this point, the only document the Trust can provide is the Operational Policy for our Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Service, which is attached.