

10 January 2020

Our Ref: RFI 32573

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Requested in Relation to Patients with no fixed address**

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 12 December 2019.

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

Rebecca Kelly
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. In the past 12 months (from December 1st 2018 to December 1st 2019) how many patients with no fixed address attended emergency departments in Northern Ireland?

A1.

Hospital	Patients with no fixed address who attended Trust Emergency Departments in the past 12 months
Ards Minor Injury Unit	5
Bangor Minor Injury Unit	6
Downe Hospital	7
Lagan Valley Hospital	20
Ulster Hospital	171
<i>Total</i>	<i>209</i>

Q2. How many patients with no fixed address were admitted to hospital in 2018-19?

A2.

Hospital	Patients with no fixed address who were admitted to hospital in 2018-19?
Downe Hospital	3
Lagan Valley Hospital	3
Ulster Hospital	50
<i>Total</i>	<i>56</i>

Please note the criteria used for searching was the following entered in against address field on the system:

- Simon Community
- Hostel
- Homeless
- No Fixed Abode
- NFA
- Unable to give
- Won't give
- Doesn't know
- None
- Unwilling to give
- Can't give