

9 March 2020

Our Ref: RFI 33518

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to care home data**

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 10 February 2020.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older People's 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

Jane McCormick
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. *The names, addresses, and capacity for Dementia patients of the care homes within the Trust*

A1. A response to this question will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Q2. *The number of care packages and amount spent on care packages for patients with a recorded Dementia diagnoses broken down by*

- *year since 2010*
- *gender*
- *Age band (ideally under 45, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+)*
- *Dementia Subtype (if available)*

A2. Patients within the Trust are not separately identified as having a Dementia condition and as such the information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a formation if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Q3. *The number of care home bed days and amount spent with care homes for patients with a recorded Dementia diagnoses broken down by*

- *year since 2010*
- *gender*
- *Age band (ideally under 45, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+)*
- *Dementia Subtype (if available)*

A3. Please see below Table 1 for the details of spend on 127 Dementia Statutory beds. This information is only available from the financial years 12/13 to 18/19. This refers to statutory homes only.

As at A2 patients within the Trust are not separately identified as having a Dementia condition and as such the further information requested is not centrally recorded and would require a manual trawl of records.

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I can advise that information in relation to Independent Sector is not held by the Trust. The information may be held by the Business Services Organisation (BSO). To receive a response to your request I would suggest you make contact with BSO directly at: - foi.bso@hscni.net

Table 1

Financial Year	Total Spend on Dementia Beds in Statutory Homes (£)
2018/19	3,355,962
2017/18	3,222,757
2016/17	3,127,694
2015/16	3,142,895
2014/15	2,869,014
2013/14	2,924,066
2012/13	2,806,247