

23 July 2021

Our Ref: RFI 39901

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to patient admissions as a result of drug related incidents.**

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 8 July 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Planning, Performance and Informatics 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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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. Could you provide me with data for hospital admissions related to drug poisoning or overdosing for the following years: 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21, If you could give me the data broken down by gender age and ethnicity too.

A1. Please see below Table One which sets out the number of patients admitted for drug poisoning or overdose. The data has been categorised by age and gender and divided into the specified years as requested. This data includes both intentional and accidental incidents. Ethnicity breakdown in relation to these figures is not held by the Trust.

Table One

		0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90+
2017/2018	Female	7	80	60	66	71	54	31	20	12	< 5*
	Male	5	22	62	40	34	33	22	10	5	
	Intersex		< 5*								
2018/2019	Female	5	79	67	40	54	53	18	17	14	< 5*
	Male	8	27	66	37	38	39	21	11	8	< 5*
FY2019/2020	Female	10	58	48	45	48	52	27	17	12	< 5*
	Male	5	22	53	54	38	32	12	12	6	
FY2020/2021	Female	6	57	53	34	34	24	21	21	11	6
	Male	< 5*	14	56	55	28	40	14	12	6	< 5*

**You will note some of the figures have been masked; this is due to low numbers in a small geographical area.*