

28 July 2021

Our Ref: RFI 40077

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
FOI Request- The number of Deprivation of Liberty put in place for residents
within both Nursing and Residential Care Homes**

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 26 July 2021.

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

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Acting Information Governance Manager

Q1. Please provide me with the number of Deprivation of Liberty (DOL) put in place for Residents within both Nursing and Residential Care Homes within the South Eastern Trust during years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

A1. The South Eastern Trust completes Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs) processes for persons lacking capacity who require a restriction of their liberty in order to maintain their safety. This includes persons in Nursing and Residential Care Homes and individuals attending other Services, for example day care provision. The Trust Mental Capacity Act recording system does not permit a breakdown of the number of DoLs authorisations in respect of each type of provision. The total number of DoLs authorised for each of the respective years is outlined below in Table One;

Table One

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of authorisations</u>
1/4/19 – 31/3/20	138
1/4/20 – 31/3/21	750
1/4/21 – 30/6/21	304