

21 December 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 42000

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Mental Health Rehabilitation Wards.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 25 November 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services and Prison Health Care 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](mailto: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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**Rebecca Manning  
Information Governance Assistant**

**Q1. How many patients were sent to locked mental health rehabilitation wards in:**

- 2018/19
- 2019/20
- 2020/21

**Q2. Of those in question 1, how many were out-of-area placements. Please give the data broken down by the following years:**

- 2018/19
- 2019/20
- 2020/21

**Please understand an “out-of-area placement” to be where a patient has been admitted to a mental health rehabilitation ward that does not form part of the usual local network of services.**

**Q3. Of your patients currently placed within locked mental health rehabilitation wards, how many have been on their current ward for longer than 12 months?**

**Q4. Of those in answer 3, how many of the patients are:**

- On wards run by the independent sector
- On wards run by the NHS
- On out-of-area placements

**If retrieving the information for question 5 and 6 exceeds the appropriate limit for the FOI, please answer only questions 1 to 4.**

**Q5. Of those in answer 3, what is the longest length of time, in days, a patient has remained on their current ward?**

**Q6. Is the patient in answer 5 on a ward run by the NHS or independent sector?**

A1-6. The Trust is not currently commissioned to provide a rehabilitation ward nor were there such wards commissioned dating back to 2018. However, the Trust has submitted a Business Case to provide such a service.