



3 April 2023

Our Ref: RFI 49442

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Psyc-Dermatologists within the Trust**

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 22 February 2023. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

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 Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please can you provide me with the number of psycho-dermatologists at your facility?

A1. The Trust has 1 consultant dermatologist who provides a psycho-dermatology service.

Q2. Please can you provide me with the figures for the number of patients provided with psycho-dermatology treatment in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?

A2. Please note that this service was not funded until 2019. Please see Table 1 for the number of patients provided with psycho-dermatology treatment from 2019 to 2022.

Table 1

Year	New Patients	Patient Reviews
2019	23	38
2020	9	39
2021	76	19
2022	9	19

Q3. Please can you provide me with the figures for the number of patients on your waiting list for psycho-dermatology treatment in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?

A3. As above the service was not funded until 2019. Please see Table 2 for the number of patients on the Trust waiting list for psycho-dermatology treatment from 2019 to 2022.

Table 2

Year (End Date)	No. of Patients on Waiting List
28/12/2019	12
26/12/2020	17
26/12/2021	15
31/12/2022	8