

23 October 2023

Our Ref: RFI 53763

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Young People who have been Placed in
Emergency or Temporary Accommodation**

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 25 September 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Service & Social Work 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

Robyn Watterson
Information Governance Officer

Q1. In the past year April 2022 - April 2023, how many young people below 18 years of age have been placed in emergency or temporary accommodation in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust?

A1. Please see Table 1 below:

Table 1

Northern Ireland Housing Executive 10 Day Assessment Bed	B&B/Hotel	Property in the Community
Indigenous Young People – 24 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - 12	6	<5 (<5 included in assessment beds statistics)

Please note, where numbers in the table above are 1-4, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.