



17 May 2024

**Our Ref:** RFI 57925

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Staff Training in Coercive Control**

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 21 April 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services & 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](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 Officer**

**Q1. Can you please confirm to date, how many Social Workers in the South Eastern Trust are trained in Coercive Control?**

- A1. The Trust, Learning and Improvement Team, deliver a number of training courses across the year which incorporate in depth information and training on coercive control. This focus has been particularly evident over the past 3 years prior to and following the commencement of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 which criminalised this behaviour.
- Additionally, the Trust promote staff engagement in the Regional Domestic Abuse Context and Change Modules through LearnHSCNI which are specific to Coercive Control.

Please see table 1 for the number of Social Workers trained. Please note that the information provided in table 1 is reflective of the above noted time frame and Trust Social Work Staff engagement in this training.

Table 1

<b>Training</b>	<b>No. of Social Workers Training</b>
Safeguarding Children Level 2	226
Domestic and Technology Training	25
Domestic Abuse Awareness	59
MARAC – Children’s Services	39
Adult Safeguarding Level 2	775
Adult Safeguarding Level 3	43
Adult Safeguarding Level 4	157
Adult Safeguarding Level 5	46
MARAC Adult Services	87
Domestic Abuse Context and Change	146

**Q2. What teams/departments are they located?**

- A2. The following listed teams received the above training:

- Care Management
- Child & Family Teams Including Safeguarding, Fostering & Adoption, Intensive Support and Leaving Care & After Care Services
- Children’s Disability, Residential and Community Child Health
- Adult Learning Disability Community
- Mental Health Community
- Mental Health Residential
- Safe and Effective Care
- Neuro-Disability
- Physical Disability
- Social Work Services in Hospital
- Child Health
- Elderly Programme of Care
- Prison Services

- Learning & Improvement Team
- Primary Care
- Primary Care Multidisciplinary Team
- Early Years
- Gateway Teams
- Children's Cared For Teams
- Adult Safeguarding Team