

11 November 2024

Our Ref: FOI 278

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Mental Health admissions**

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 17 October 2024.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Adult 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

Keith McCollum
Information Governance Team

Q1. I was wondering if you could find the data for the following (mental health problems = anxiety/depression/eating disorder/panic attacks/psychosis/bipolar etc).

Only looking for people admitted to hospital solely on the basis of mental health rather than for any other related illnesses).

- The number of children and adolescents admitted to hospital for mental health problems in The South Eastern Trust between 2016/2017**
- The number of children and adolescents admitted to hospital for mental health problems in The South Eastern Trust between 2017/2018**
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- The number of children and adolescents admitted to hospital for mental health problems in The South Eastern Trust between 2021/2022**
- The number of children and adolescents admitted to hospital for mental health problems in The South Eastern Trust between 2022/2023**
- The number of children and adolescents admitted to hospital for mental health problems in The South Eastern Trust between 2023/2024**

If possible it would be great to have the data presented in a table/graph. If possible it would be great to include the percentage increases between each year.

A1. This FOI is for Children's Services, which sits under the Belfast Trust.