



1 November 2024

Our Ref: 59517

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Learning Disabilities and/or Autistic People in
Inpatient Mental Health Settings**

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 10 September 2024. 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 Adult Services & Prison Healthcare 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



Please could you supply the following and break it down for each month from January 2023 until June 2024.

Overall breakdown

A breakdown of people with a learning disability and/or autistic people in inpatient mental health settings*.

***a facility registered as a hospital operated by either an NHS or independent sector provider. The facility will provide mental or behavioural healthcare.**

This should include patients of:

- any age any level of security (general/low/medium/high)
- any status under the Mental Health Act (informal or detained)

People not included:

- patients in accommodation not registered as hospital beds
- patients in beds for physical health care
- patients who do not have either learning disabilities or autism

Please note this should not just include people with Learning disability in a 'Mental Health' bed - if a person is in specialist hospital bed either Mental Health or Learning Disability and that person has a Learning Disability or Autism, then that person should be included.

Please break this overall figure down to:

Q1a. Those with both Learning Disability and autism.

A1a. The Trust does not keep a record, of the patients admitted to a Mental Health facility, whether the patient has a diagnosis of Autism or not.

Q1b. Those with Learning Disability.

A1b. Please see Table 1 for the number of patients with a learning disability within a Mental Health facility, from January 2023 to June 2024.

Table 1

Date	No. of Patients
January 2023	<5
February 2023	<5
March 2023	<5
April 2023	<5
May 2023	<5

June 2023	<5
July 2023	<5
August 2023	<5
September 2023	<5
October 2023	<5
November 2023	<5
December 2023	<5
January 2024	<5
February 2024	<5
March 2024	<5
April 2024	<5
May 2024	<5
June 2024	<5

Please note, where numbers within table 1 and table 2 (below) are 1-4, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.

Q1c. Those with Autism.

A1c. Please refer to A1a.

Duration of stay

Of the people in 1a. (Those with both Learning Disability and autism), please provide the duration of stay:

Q2a. More than 6 months.

Q2b. One year up to two years.

Q2c. Two years up to five years.

Q2d. Five years up to ten years.

Q2e. More than ten years.

Q2f. Longest single stay in days.

Q2g. 90th percentile in days.

A2a-g. The Trust does not keep a record, of the patients admitted to a Mental Health facility, whether the patient has a diagnosis of Autism or not.

Q3. Of the people in 1b. (Those with Learning Disability) please provide the duration of stay:

Q3a. More than six months



Q3b. One year up to two years

Q3c. Two years up to five years

Q3d. Five years up to ten years

Q3e. More than ten years

Q3f. Longest single stay in days

Q3g. 90th percentile in days

A3a-g. The Trust only hold the information requested in regards to patients in Mental Health beds within Mental Health wards. Please refer to A5a-g.

Mental health wards

Of the people in 1a. (Those with both a Learning Disability and Autism) the duration of stay in mental health wards specifically:

Q4a. More than six months.

Q4b. One year up to two years.

Q4c. Two years up to five years.

Q4d. Five years up to ten years.

Q4e. More than ten years.

Q4f. Longest single stay in days.

Q4g. 90th percentile in days.

A4a-g. The Trust does not keep a record, of the patients admitted to a Mental Health facility, whether the patient has a diagnosis of Autism or not.

Of the people in 1b. (Those with Learning Disability) the duration of stay in mental health wards specifically:

Q5a. More than six months.

Q5b. One year up to two years.

Q5c. Two years up to five years.

Q5d. Five years up to ten years.



Q5e. More than ten years.

A5a-5. Please see Table 2 for the number of patients, of the patients referred to in Q1b, in a Mental Health Ward and the duration of stay.

Table 2

Duration of Stay	No. of Patients
More than Six Months	<5
One Year up to Two Years	<5
Two Years up to Five Years	<5
Five Years up to Ten Years	<5
More than Ten Years	<5

Q5f. Longest single stay in days.

Q5g. 90th percentile in days.

A5f,g. The Trust is unable to provide the longest single stay and the 90th percentile in days, this is to avoid any risk of identification of individual patients.