



21 October 2024

Our Ref: RFI 59249

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Readmission Rates to Mental Health Inpatient
Units**

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 4 July 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 provide the following data, broken down on an annual basis, for the years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.

Q1. *Readmission rates to mental health inpatient units:*

a. Within 30 days of discharge

b. Within 365 days of discharge

A1. Please be advised the Trust can only provide figures relating to the South Eastern Trust.

Please see Table 1 for the read admission rates to mental health inpatient units (MHIU) within the Trust from 2020 to 2024, broken down by the requested categories.

Table 1

Financial Year	Within 30 Days of Discharge	Within 365 Days of Discharge
2020/2021	10%	31%
2021/2022	12%	39%
2022/2023	14%	37%
2023/2024	10%	41%

Q2. *Please break this data down by:*

a. Health and Social Care Trust

b. Hospital setting

c. Legal status on admission i.e. voluntary or detained.

d. Gender

e. Age bracket

f. Other demographic information available

A2. Please see Attachment 1 – Readmission Rates to Trust MHIU.