

FOI 2816

3rd January 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. When was CCTV installed in any patient areas in wards at St Lukes hospital Craigavon? Include information for Bluestone**Response:**

CCTV was installed in Bluestone in 2007.
It was upgraded in 2023

2. Provide a copy of the CCTV policy that was put in place when the CCTV was installed.**Response:**

There was no CCTV policy in place when the system was installed.

3. Confirm all services in the Southern Trust where CCTV is located in patient/client/service user areas.**Response:**

52 SHSCT sites have CCTV installed – relative to external spaces and communal areas.

4. How many allegations of abuse of patients at Southern Trust learning disability treatment and assessment hospitals since 2020?**Response:**

Year	Total number of APP1 referrals where safeguarding was considered	Total number of Referrals to adult protection
2020	10	5
2021	21	<5
2022	50	9
2023	84	11
2024	25	5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

5. How many of the allegations of abuse of patients at Southern Trust learning disability treatment and assessment hospitals since 2020 were substantiated?

Response:

This information is not centrally recorded. In order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records from a number of sources is required. Therefore this request cannot be processed. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of departments it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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