

FOI 3010

17th April 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

What are the names of the mental health hospitals that adults with a learning disability use for inpatient treatment?

Response:

SHSCT – Bluestone, Craigavon Area Hospital is a hospital with wards for both mental health and learning disability inpatient assessment and treatment.

How many learning disability beds do you currently have in your mental health hospitals?

Response:

Dorsy ward which is the specialist learning disability assessment and treatment ward within the Bluestone Hospital has 10 beds

How many learning disability beds did you have in your mental health hospitals in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

Response:

Dorsy ward which is the specialist learning disability assessment and treatment ward within the Bluestone Hospital has had 10 beds for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Please release all information relating to the community based care that you currently provide to adults with a learning disability who are experiencing a mental health crisis?

Response:

Southern HSC Community Learning Disability Services are as follows:

- Multi-disciplinary Community Learning Disability Teams – Social Work, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech & Language Therapy.
- Crisis Response / Home Treatment Services.
- Community Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Community Assessment & Rehabilitation Service (CARS)
- Day Care
- Day Opportunities

How many adults with a learning disability have been admitted to a mental health hospital since 2020 for inpatient treatment?

Response:

These are the numbers of individuals admitted to Dorsy Ward, the specialist learning disability assessment and treatment ward within the Bluestone Hospital

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Total	24	20	20	24	24	112

How many adult mental health liaison nurses do you employ?

Response:

20

How many learning /intellectual disability acute liaison nurses do you employ?

Response:

None

Is there an adult mental health liaison nurse available at your Emergency Departments at all times?

Response:

The Mental Health Integrated Liaison Team provide 24/7 service to both Emergency Departments, General Hospital and Non-Acute Hospitals and are based in both Craigavon Area Hospital and Daisy Hill Hospital. There is a 2-hour targeted response time for urgent referrals from Emergency Departments.

Is there a learning/intellectual disability acute liaison nurse available at your Emergency Departments at all times?

Response:

No

How many adults with a learning disability are currently receiving treatment in a mental health hospital but their discharge has been delayed?

Response:

5

How many patients delayed discharge more than 6 months?

Response:

<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.

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How many patients delayed discharge more than one year?**Response:**

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