

FOI 3303

10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**For the financial year 2023/24 would you please provide the following information:**

**Question:**

**The total number of adults with learning disabilities known to services and broken down in the following demography**

**Response:**

Total – 1,906 (based on open cases as of 31/03/2024)

Age Band	No. on Caseload
18-25	356
26-35	441
36-45	333
46-55	305
56-65	253
66+	218
<b>Total</b>	<b>1906</b>

**Question: Split between female and male**

**Response:**

Gender	No. on caseload
Female	800
Male	1106
<b>Total</b>	<b>1906</b>

**Question:**

- How many are living in the family home?**
- How many are in nursing homes?**
- How many are in residential care homes?**
- How many are in supported living?**
- How many are living independently in their own homes?**

**Response:**

Gender	Residential Home	Nursing Home	Supported Living	Living in Family Home	Living in own Home
Male	39	81	114	872	
Female	35	75	96	594	
Total	74	156	210	1466	

*\* Note – The Trust does not hold information on the number of service users living with family and living in their own home. The numbers provided above are on the basis of the total number of service users (1906) less those living in residential, nursing and supported living. The difference is those living with family or living independently (1466).*

**Question:**

**Please provide any breakdown in the numbers of people with different assessed needs? I.e. Mild LD, Moderate LD, Severe LD and those with complex needs.**

**Response:**

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information as 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 individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

**Question:**

**Can you also provide the numbers of people diagnosed with LD and autism?**

**Response:**

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**Question:**

**Can you provide the number of service users who have a DoLS? (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards)**

**Response:**

109 service users had a DoLS in place during the time period of 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024.

**Question:**

**How many service users have been assessed as having a lack of mental capacity?**

**Response:**

Capacity is assumed unless there is evidence to indicate otherwise. The assessment of capacity is decision and time specific therefore the Trust is unable to provide the number of service users assessed as having a lack of mental capacity. The Trust can confirm there were 109 service users assessed as lacking capacity during 2023-2024 to consent to a DoLS.

**Question:**

**How many of these service users who are deemed to lack capacity are living outside the family home?**

**Response:**

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**Question:**

**Can you please also provide the numbers of people/service users accessing the various PSS (Personal Social Services) noted in the PDF file 'regional ID costs 23.24' attached?**

**Response:**

All service users who are open to any of the Community Learning Disability Teams will be able to access services based on their assessed needs.

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**Question:**

**If a service is measured in hours please provide the number of hours associated with the costs?**

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**Question:**

**Can you please provide the number of social workers associated with PSS cost category Social Work?**

**Response:**

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Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as it is not centrally held and 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. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

**Question:**

In the attached file named 'Community Costs breakdown', there are details of different clinical disciplines working within learning disability, can you please provide the number of each type of professional group associated with the costs?

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**Question:**

For the hospital costs of £4,512,513, can you please provide a more detailed breakdown of this cost?

**Response:**

Southern Health and Social Care Trust					
Learning Disability - High Level breakdown of Hospital costs by Cost Pool Group					
Data Source: SPPG PowerBI Dashboard					
Row Labels	Sum of Total Cost				
Patient Facing (Marginal) Cos	3,270,789				
Support Costs	862,089				
Patient Facing Other	240,410				
Depreciation & Amortisation	168,560				
Income	- 29,335				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,512,513</b>				

**Question:**

Can you also provide the number of patients that have been in the facility over the 2023/24 period?

**Response:**

There were 24 admissions during the 2023 – 2024 period.

**Question:**

Can you provide the number and type of clinical, administrative and other workforce included in these costs?

**Response:**

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**Question:**

**From information provided by the Department of Health, it appears that the Southern Trust overran its planned LD investment by £18.1 million. Would you be able to provide the main reasons for this variance?**

**Response:**

Trust Financial costing returns cannot be compared to Strategic Resource Framework (SRF). The SRF is based on recurring budget only. The Trust Financial returns are fully absorbed costs, including capital charges, overheads etc. We cannot provide the information because we cannot compare a like for like comparison.

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