

FOI 3585

18th February 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for hospitals within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust for the period 1 January 2025 to 1 January 2026:

The total number of inpatient admissions.

Of these, the number of patients ordinarily resident outside Northern Ireland, including the Republic of Ireland.

I am requesting aggregated, anonymised data only and would prefer an electronic response.

Response:

Please see the following attachments:

Attachment 1 – Acute admissions

Attachment 2 – Bluestone admissions

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 exact figures from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the 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

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