

FOI 3636

25th March 2026**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

1. What is the population of people within the Trust?**Response:**

Population data available via NIRSA website: [2024 Mid-Year Population Estimates for Northern Ireland and Estimates of the Population Aged 85 and Over for Northern Ireland, 2024 \(and 2001 to 2023 revised\) | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency](#)

2. How many people living within the Trust have either a predictive or symptomatic diagnosis of Huntington's disease?**Response:**

Information not held.

3. How many people living within the Trust are at 25/50 or 75% risk of developing Huntington's disease?**Response:**

Information not held

4. How many people within the Trust have received funding for PGD/PGT within the last 5 years?**Response:**

PGD is not carried out in the Southern Trust and patients are referred to the Belfast Trust.

5. Do you offer any services specific to people with Huntington's Disease e.g. outpatient clinics, dedicated bed space, HD nurse specialist?**Response:**

We do not have dedicated bed spaces or HD nurse specialists but do have dedicated neurology outpatient clinics.

- 6. Are there any business cases pending for the development of any services specific to people with Huntington's Disease?**

Response:

No

- 7. In the past 5 years has the Trust funded anyone with Huntingtons' Disease to access special services, other than PGD/PGT, in**
a) Another Trust,
b) An area outside of Northern Ireland

Response:

Information not held

- 8. How many neurologists are currently employed by the Trust?**

Response:

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- 9. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with a neurologist within the Trust?**

Response:

Average weeks waiting - 111 weeks (as at 11.3.26)

- 10. How many neuropsychologists are currently employed by the Trust?**

Response:

SHSCT currently employs 3 Psychologists in Neuropsychology, with 1 member on the Specialist Register with the Division of Neuropsychology

- 11. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with a neuropsychologist within the Trust?**

Response:

Currently Neuropsychologists are only employed within the Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service where the average waiting time for a first appointment is 4 weeks

- 12. How many neuropsychiatrists are currently employed by the Trust?**

Response:

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13. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with a neuropsychiatrist within the Trust?

Response:

N/A

14. How many neuro-physiotherapists are currently employed by the Trust?

Response:

There are currently no neuro physiotherapists employed in SHSCT.

15. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with a neuro-physiotherapist within the Trust?

Response:

N/A

16. How many adult occupational therapists are currently employed by the Trust?

Response:

247 (217.29 whole time equivalents) at 31st January 2026.

17. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with an adult occupational therapist within the Trust?

Response:

330 days at 31st January 2026

18. How many adult speech and language therapists are currently employed by the Trust?

Response:

54 (47.15 whole time equivalents) at 31st January 2026

19. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with an adult speech and language therapist within the Trust?

Response:

94 days at 31st January 2026

20. How many adult dieticians are currently employed by the Trust?

Response:

61 (50.84 whole time equivalents) at 31st January 2026.

21. What is the average waiting time for a first appointment with an adult dietician within the Trust?

Response:

29 days at 31st January 2026

22. Under which directorate(s)/service area(s) does Huntington's disease sit within the Trust?

Response:

Acute and Community Adult Social Work, AHPs, Neurology, Primary health care (GP surgeries/health centres), Mental Health & Disability Services, Community pharmacy, Palliative care, District nursing, Genetics, Carer Support.

23. Who are the HD relevant service leads within the Trust?

Response:

There is no designated HD lead. Each consultant see their own patients.

24. What menopause specific services are currently available within the Trust?

Response:

Within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, menopause care is provided on the Daisy Hill Hospital site. Two consultants are appointed to deliver Menopause Clinics.

No menopause clinics are provided on the Craigavon Area Hospital site.

Under normal circumstances, the Daisy Hill Menopause Clinic operates on Monday mornings, on an alternating-week schedule, providing a total of four clinics per month.

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