

FOI 3660

2nd April 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

The number of young people (18–24-year-olds inclusive) receiving mental health treatment- both community and inpatient.

Response:

There were 418 (18 to 24-year-olds) receiving treatment - both Community and Inpatient within the Southern Trust as at 31/01/2026.

N.B (Data extracted from EPIC)

The number of them who have been receiving treatment more than once (not their first time).

Response:

As there is no current report to provide this information, we would need to develop a report on both current and legacy systems that would need tested and analysed.

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.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested 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. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information from individual records. To obtain this information would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of patient records just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

I would like the most recent figures you have available, and the same figures from January 2021

Response:

There were 585 (18 to 24 year olds) receiving treatment - both Community and Inpatient within the Southern Trust as At 31/01/2021.

(Caseloads as at 31/01/2026 and 31/01/2021 as clarified by requestor)

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