

FOI 3731

13th May 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Trust name:

Response:

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

**2. How many clinical trials are being run at your trust currently?
Please include clinical trials currently recruiting or in follow-up**

Response:

28

3. Which type of organisation best describes you?

- ☒ **Acute/General hospital trust**
- ☐ Specialist trust (e.g. tertiary, cancer)
- ☒ **Community health trust**
- ☒ **Mental health trust**
- ☐ Ambulance trust

4. Is your trust a teaching hospital and/or university affiliated?

- ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

5. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed by your trust?

- ☐ <250
- ☐ 250-999
- ☐ 1000-2999
- ☐ 3000-6999
- ☒ **7000+**

Demographics

6. What demographic data do you collect for patients being treated at your trust and where is this recorded? (select all that apply)

"EPR" refers to Electronic Patient Record, the digital system used to store patient information. "Fields" refer to structured sections in the EPR for entering specific

data (e.g., diagnosis codes). "Elsewhere in the EPR" includes free text entries typed by clinicians and healthcare professionals or documents uploaded to the EPR to provide additional detail.

Ethnicity

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Preferred language

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Religion or belief

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Sexual orientation

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Sex

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Gender

☐ Not recorded

☒ **Specific field in the EPR**

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

Marital status

- ☐ Not recorded
- ☒ **Specific field in the EPR**
- ☐ Elsewhere in the EPR
- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

Caring responsibilities

- ☐ Not recorded
- ☒ **Specific field in the EPR**
- ☐ Elsewhere in the EPR
- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

Employment status

- ☐ Not recorded
- ☒ **Specific field in the EPR**
- ☐ Elsewhere in the EPR
- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

Postcode

- ☐ Not recorded
- ☒ **Specific field in the EPR**
- ☐ Elsewhere in the EPR
- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

Other socioeconomic indicators such as accommodation type or Area Deprivation Index

- ☐ Not recorded
- ☐ Specific field in the EPR
- ☒ **Elsewhere in the EPR**
- ☐ Written/hard copy patient notes
- ☐ Other hospital system

7. If you selected 'other hospital system' for any of the categories in the previous question, please specify:

Response:

N/A

8. Where is demographic information sourced from? (select all that apply)

☒ New patient registration form

☒ Existing NHS records

☒ Referral letter

☒ Asking the patient directly

☐ Other (please specify)

9. Is the completeness of this data checked routinely?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

10. How complete is the data?

☐ <25%

☐ 26-50%

☐ 51-75%

☐ >75%

☒ Unsure

11. Please provide any additional information/comments about the completeness of this data:

Response:

N/A

12. Are you aware of any challenges with the collection of demographic data at your Trust?

Clinical trial participation data

We are looking to understand more about the recording of a patient's clinical trial pathway at NHS trusts and whether this data is routinely audited.

Response:

Information not held

Questions about the recording of clinical trial information

13. Is there a dedicated field in your EPR system that indicates whether a patient was:

"Fields" refer to structured sections in the Electronic Patient Records (EPR) for entering specific data (e.g., diagnosis codes).

Screened for a clinical trial

- ☐ Yes
☒ **No**
☐ Unsure

Eligible for a clinical trial

- ☐ Yes
☒ **No**
☐ Unsure

Approached about a clinical trial

- ☒ **Yes**
☐ No
☐ Unsure

Declined taking part in a clinical trial

- ☒ **Yes**
☐ No
☐ Unsure

Recruited for a clinical trial

- ☒ **Yes**
☐ No
☐ Unsure

14. If this data is not recorded in a field of the EPR, is this data recorded elsewhere? Please respond for each category (screened, eligible, approached, declined, recruited):

screened, eligible are recorded in the EPR but not in a dedicated field.

Response:

N/A

15. If a patient is ineligible, not approached or declines clinical trial participation, are the reasons why recorded and if so, where? (select all that apply)

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Ineligible

- ☐ Not recorded

☐ Field in the EPR

☒ **Elsewhere in the EPR**

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Not approached

☒ **Not recorded**

☐ Field in the EPR

☐ Elsewhere in the EPR

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

Declines participation

☐ Not recorded

☐ Field in the EPR

☒ **Elsewhere in the EPR**

☐ Written/hard copy patient notes

☐ Other hospital system

16. If you selected 'other hospital system' for any of the categories in the previous question, please specify:

Response:

N/A

Questions about your internal audit processes

17. Does your trust conduct central audits regarding trial participation at your site?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ **Unsure**

18. Do any departments in your trust conduct internal audits regarding trial participation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ **Unsure**

19. Please provide any additional information on audit activity including how often they are/have been conducted:

Response:

Information not held

20. Are trial participation rates reviewed in relation to particular demographics, such as ethnicity, sex or age?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ **Unsure**

21. Are you aware of any barriers to trial participation for any underserved groups at your trust?

"Underserved groups" refers to a group of people who face systemic barriers to accessing or receiving quality healthcare and other services, such as clinical trial participation. They are underserved due to factors like ethnicity, geographic location, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, income, or language, which may result in reduced access and poorer health outcomes.

Response:

Information not held

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