

FOI – 2370

8th May 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under Freedom of Information I am requesting the number of investigations carried out by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust on Sanville Nursing Home, 17 Annagher Road, Coalisland and the broad basis or reason for each of these investigations (for example neglect, abuse etc.) the number of allegations that have been made in these investigations and the number of allegations have been upheld. I am requesting this information be broken down on an annual basis from the year 2020 to date.

Response:

The number of allegations where, in the balance of probability it is reasonable to determine, that serious harm occurred as a result of abuse, exploitation or neglect is not routinely collated in the HSC dataset. However, it was possible to collate information based on low numbers of investigations.

Re Sanville Private Nursing Home, 17 Annagher Road, Coalisland				
	Number of referrals to adult protection	Number of Investigations	Investigation by category	Number of allegations where in the balance of probability it is reasonable to determine that serious harm occurred as a result of abuse, exploitation or neglect.
2020	<5	<5	<5 Physical <5 Exploitation	Nil
2021	0	-	-	-
2022	28	22	5 Psychological <5 Physical 15 Neglect	<5
2023	<5	<5	<5 Psychological	Ongoing
2024	0	-	-	-

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 redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted 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.

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