

FOI 2554

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Request:

For which Section 75 characteristics can you provide figures for people or families requiring social services interventions due to domestic violence/abuse between 2018-2024 (broken down by characteristic and by year)

Response:

Children and Young People's Services response:

The Trust information systems do not have marital status, sexual orientation or religious belief recorded. This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of patient records. As such we cannot provide this information 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. In order to obtain this information from a number of departments it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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The following tables provide overview of referrals to Children and Young People's by reason referred as Domestic Violence by age range, gender and ethnicity by each year from 2024 – 2018. The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality, 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.

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 Act 2018.

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – June 2024

Ethnicity	MALE <18	MALE 18-64	MALE 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE Total
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		7	Less than 5	Less than 5	6
BLACK CARRIBEAN					Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
BLACK OTHER	Less than 5			Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
IRISH TRAVELLER	5	Less than 5		9	9	Less than 5	11
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	Less than 5			Less than 5	8	5	13
NOT STATED	84	155	Less than 5	241	84	151	235
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	8	Less than 5		11	8	10	18
ROMA	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
WHITE	183	139	Less than 5	323	168	178	346
(blank)	Less than 5	17		18	7	Less than 5	9
NOT COMPLETED						Less than 5	Less than 5
INDIAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	5		5
PAKISTANI		Less than 5		Less than 5			

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2023

Row Labels	MALE <18	MALE 18-64	MALE 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE Total
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
BLACK OTHER	6	9		15	6	Less than 5	10
CHINESE	Less than 5			Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
INDIAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		7	Less than 5	Less than 5	7
IRISH TRAVELLER	10	Less than 5		14	7	5	12
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	5			5	18	Less than 5	20
NOT COMPLETED		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5
NOT STATED	152	298		450	107	261	368
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	14	8		22	12	15	27
PAKISTANI					Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
ROMA		Less than 5		Less than 5			
WHITE	333	236	Less than 5	570	346	324	670
(blank)	10	28		38	12	Less than 5	14

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2022

Ethnicity	MALE <18	MALE 18-64	MALE 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE Total
BANGLADESHI					Less than 5		Less than 5
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	5
BLACK OTHER	6	Less than 5		10	10	Less than 5	14
INDIAN		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5
IRISH TRAVELLER	16	6		22	12	6	18
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	5	Less than 5		6	10	Less than 5	12
NOT COMPLETED		Less than 5		Less than 5			
NOT STATED	116	276	Less than 5	393	121	234	355
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	19	16		35	14	25	39
PAKISTANI	Less than 5			Less than 5			
ROMA					Less than 5		Less than 5
ROMA TRAVELLER		Less than 5		Less than 5			
WHITE	338	262	Less than 5	601	347	323	670
(blank)	12	22		34	10	9	19



Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2021

Ethnicity	MALE <18	Male 18-64	MALE 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	Female 65+	FEMALE Total
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	Less than 5		5		Less than 5		Less than 5
BLACK CARRIBEAN					8	Less than 5		12
BLACK OTHER	9	8		17	Less than 5	6		10
CHINESE		Less than 5		Less than 5				
IRISH TRAVELLER	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	35	14		49	13	16		29
NOT COMPLETED	14	Less than 5		17	12	Less than 5		15
NOT STATED						Less than 5		Less than 5
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	195	398	Less than 5	594	168	331		499
PAKISTANI	19	11		30	11	14		25
ROMA TRAVELLER	Less than 5			Less than 5				
WHITE		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
(blank)	534	383	Less than 5	919	491	418		910
INDIAN	21	25	Less than 5	47	15	Less than 5		19

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2020

Ethnicity	MALE <18	Male 18-64	Male 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE Total
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	5		6	5	Less than 5	7
BLACK CARRIBEAN						Less than 5	Less than 5
BLACK OTHER	11	13		24	14	5	19
CHINESE	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
IRISH TRAVELLER	16	5		21	14	7	21
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	12	Less than 5		13	19	Less than 5	20
NOT COMPLETED		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5
NOT STATED	229	431	Less than 5	661	231	392	623
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	21	19		40	19	12	31
PAKISTANI	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
ROMA TRAVELLER	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
WHITE	631	437	Less than 5	1069	648	572	1220
(blank)	38	56		94	43	18	61
INDIAN	Less than 5			Less than 5			

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2019

Ethnicity	MALE <18	MALE 18-64	MALE 65+	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE 65+	FEMALE Total
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5			Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5		6
BLACK OTHER	12	6		18	8	10		18
CHINESE	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5
IRISH TRAVELLER	8	7		15	16	5		21
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	12	Less than 5		14	14	Less than 5		17
NOT STATED	256	388	Less than 5	645	220	426		646
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	8	Less than 5		11	12	Less than 5		16
PAKISTANI	Less than 5			Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5
ROMA TRAVELLER	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5
WHITE	447	257	Less than 5	705	412	326	Less than 5	739
(blank)	11	45		56	9	14		23
NOT COMPLETED		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5		Less than 5
BANGLADESHI	Less than 5			Less than 5				

Referral Received re Domestic Violence Jan – Dec 2018

Ethnicity	MALE <18	MALE 18-64	MALE Total	FEMALE <18	FEMALE 18-64	FEMALE Total
IRISH TRAVELLER	Less than 5	Less than 5	6	7	5	12
MIXED ETHNIC GROUP	6	Less than 5	7	9	Less than 5	12
NOT COMPLETED					Less than 5	Less than 5
NOT STATED	179	286	465	178	316	494
OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	7	Less than 5	10	8	7	15
PAKISTANI	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
WHITE	417	245	662	395	326	721
(blank)	26	57	83	23	48	71
BLACK OTHER	Less than 5	8	12	11	8	19
BLACK AFRICAN	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
INDIAN	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5

Acute response:

Total APP1 referrals across both Hospital sites received in relation to Domestic Abuse between June 2020 – May 2024.

- In the year June 2023- May 2024 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy Hill hospital received 268 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 257 of these referrals were for female victims and 11 were for male.
- In the year June 2022- May 2023 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 197 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 187 of these referrals were for female victims and 10 were for male.
- In the year June 2021- May 2022 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 161 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 143 of these referrals were for female victims and 18 were for male.
- In the year June 2020- May 2021 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 88 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 118 of these referrals were for female victims and 14 were for male.

Please note that figures from 2018-2020 are not centrally recorded in the Acute Directorate. In order to provide these and to break down figures by ethnicity or age, would require a manual trawl of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information 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. In order to obtain this information from a number of patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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2. How many people attended emergency departments due to domestic violence/abuse (broken down by gender and year) between 2018-2024?

Response:

In the year June 2023- May 2024 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 140 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 129 of these referrals were for female victims and 11 were for male.

In the year June 2022- May 2023 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 111 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 101 of these referrals were for female victims and 10 were for male.

In the year June 2021- May 2022 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 123 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 105 of these referrals were for female victims and 18 were for male.

In the year June 2020- May 2021 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 102 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 52 of these referrals were for female victims and 14 were for male.

In the year June 2019 - May 2020 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 105 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 96 of these referrals were for female victims and 9 were for male.

In the year June 2018 - May 2019 Hospital Social work departments in Craigavon and Daisy hill hospital received 96 adult safeguarding referrals in relation to domestic abuse. 85 of these referrals were for female victims and 11 were for male.

3. For 2018-2024 please provide a breakdown by year of the number of pregnant women who have disclosed that they are victims of domestic violence/abuse or who have been flagged by staff as victims of domestic violence/abuse.

Response:

CYP response:

The Trust recording system does not capture the above specific information in relation to referrals due to domestic violence and pregnancy. This would require a manual review of all new referrals received due pregnancy and domestic violence. The Trust have provided the number of new referrals to Children and Young People's Gateway Service due to pregnancy and all safeguarding concerns.

No Referrals received re Pregnancy and Pre-birth Safeguarding Assessment of females between 2018 – June 2024

Year	No of Females
2018	96
2019	101
2020	81
2021	89
2022	91
2023	106
2024	55
Total	615

Acute response:

Information collated from NIMATS Statistics, provided by Lead Midwife CAH. The figures detail the number of pregnant women who have answered yes to questions around Domestic Abuse. Figures separated by DHH Hospital and CAH Hospital.

April 2018 – March 2019:

CAH: 33

DHH: 35

April 2019 – March 2020:

CAH: 22

DHH: 35

April 2020 – March 2021:

CAH: 14

DHH: 18

April 2021 – March 2022:

CAH: 35

DHH: 32

April 2022 – March 2023:

CAH: 21

DHH: 40

April 2023 – March 2024:

CAH: 53

DHH: 33

4. How often are staff required to attend training on domestic violence/abuse?

Response:

CYP response:

There is a requirement on all staff to attend corporate mandatory training, at level 1 - every three years and is entitled 'Safeguarding People – Awareness raising'. Domestic abuse is addressed within at a basic awareness level.

Staff are required to attend Level 2 training entitled 'Safeguarding People – Recognising and Responding; role specific training (standard)'. This is attended every two years and every three years depending on role. Domestic abuse is addressed within this training as well as other types of abuse.

First line managers who have designated person responsibilities are required to attend Level 3 training every two years and domestic abuse is addressed within this training as well as other types of abuse.

Specific domestic abuse training is provided to staff, this training may be a requirement for certain groups of staff based on their role there will not be a requirement on all staff to attend this training.

The SBNI Training Framework for Recognising Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and Young People recognises that Learning and development is not a one-off event. It is designed in 4 levels and recognises that Domestic Abuse and safeguarding children and young people is a developmental process – the levels are not incremental but offer a continuum of learning and development with individuals potentially moving between levels.

In order to create a competent workforce the Trust delivers a range of learning and development opportunities which multi-disciplinary staff can avail of. This includes the following:

- E-learning
- Domestic abuse awareness
- Safety planning
- Domestic abuse – the impact on children and young people
- DASH training
- MARAC and PPANI training

Further areas for development include; social media and Domestic abuse, domestic abuse and LGBTQ community.

Acute response:

Acute staff attend mandatory adult and children safeguarding training annually. Women's Aid also provide specialised domestic abuse training annually which is open to all SHSCT trust. This training includes domestic abuse awareness, risk assessment and safety plan training and impact of children training. Our DASS worker in the SHSCT also provides quarterly training around domestic abuse that is offered to all hospital staff. Domestic abuse training is also available on our e learning platforms that staff can avail of this.

5. Does the Trust provide education programmes on domestic violence/abuse for interpreters?

Response:

Since 2024 the DASS (Domestic Abuse and safety support service) has started to deliver awareness sessions to groups of interpreters in the SHSCT. Prior to this BSO-registered Interpreters attended Domestic Violence/Abuse training delivered by Women's Aid during their BSO induction. DASS is a project in the Southern Trust and is the first of its kind in NI offering onsite specialist support to female victims of Domestic Abuse within a hospital setting as well as bespoke training to hospital and community staff. This project is co-managed by Women's Aid Armagh Down and the SHSCT Acute Directorate and the post sits under Hospital social work for operational and governance.

6. If the trust has Domestic Abuse Designated Advisors, "Trusted Colleagues", or similar roles are staff in these roles provided with any training or education on homelessness or access to housing?

Response:

The Trust does not have "Trusted Colleagues". Our Workplace Policy on Domestic Abuse (attachment 1) and Workplace Guide on Domestic Abuse for Staff and Managers (attachment 2) provide information about addressing concerns and supporting colleagues in circumstances arising from domestic abuse in the workplace. Appendix A signposts to external groups that can support staff re homelessness and housing rights.

Trust staff are offered homelessness training delivered by the Northern Ireland housing executive. This is not mandatory.

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