

FOI 2709

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Does the Trust publish in its Annual Report, details of every SAI related patient death in the preceding year and note the leaning gained?

Response:

Numbers of Serious Adverse Incidents which resulted in a death are included in the Annual Quality Report (AQR). This process commenced in AQR 2020-21. A sample of learning from SAIs is provided in the AQR. This information was not included in the AQR for 2022-23 due to its non-availability at the time of publication of the report, however it has been included in the 2023-24 AQR, pending publication.

Please send me Annual reports for 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 to provide evidence of recording of SAIs.

Response:

All published Annual Quality Reports are available on Southern Health & Social Care Trust website. Please see below link:-

[Annual Reports | Southern Health & Social Care Trust \(hscni.net\)](https://www.hscni.net/annual-reports)

Where subsequent failures, not identified in the original SAI, are identified by the Ombudsman's Office, does the annual report note these failures and SAI report is updated accordingly? If not, why not?

Response:

The annual report does not note this information as such information could potentially lead to identification of patients involved. In addition, once a SAI report is finalized, there is not mechanism to update the SAI report However, this information is reported through the Governance Framework of the Trust and any learning arising from an Ombudsman's report is implemented in the Trust.

Where failures are identified by the Ombudsman's Office, are these failures shared with the bodies who received the SAI report. If not, why not?

Response:

Learning from an Ombudsman's Report is shared with those whom the Ombudsman requests it be shared. If a determination is made that learning from an Ombudsman report impacts on the outcome of the initial review this information can be shared with the relevant agencies.

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