

FOI 2717

5th November 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1: Dols Trust Applications by Year:

Response:

Year	Total number of Dols Trust Applications
2019	5
2020	352
2021	885
2022	338
2023	221
2024 up until 25/10/25	117

Question 2: Total Number of Extensions by year:

Response:

Year	Total Number of Extensions
2019	0
2020	46
2021	542
2022	730
2023	480
2024 up until 25/10/2025	367

Question 3: Dol Trust Panel Applications by Age of P:

Response:

Age at Application	Total number of applications
16	19
17	9
18	10
19	<5*
20	<5*
21	7
22	5
23	9
24	10
25	8

26	5
27	10
28	6
29	<5*
30	<5*
31	7
32	6
33	<5*
34	9
35	<5*
36	<5*
37	<5*
38	<5*
39	<5*
40	<5*
41	<5*
42	6
43	6
44	<5*
45	5
46	7
47	8
48	5
49	11
50	10
51	15
52	13
53	10
54	11
55	18
56	9
57	13
58	25
59	13
60	14
61	14
62	27
63	18
64	13
65	14
66	15
67	14
68	11
69	16
70	24
71	16
72	23
73	33
74	30
75	29



76	34
77	50
78	42
79	74
80	70
81	76
82	65
83	105
84	90
85	86
86	85
87	83
88	72
89	75
90	73
91	54
92	41
93	32
94	27
95	24
96	26
97	11
98	<5*
99	7
100	<5*
101	<5*
102	0
103	<5*

Question 4: Average time of completion of applications once received by the TP (by year)

Response:

This information is not recorded centrally and 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.

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.

Question 5: Total number of emergency Dols and duration (by year)

Response:

This information is not recorded centrally and 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.

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.

Question 6: Total number of authorised applications, interim authorisations and refused authorisations by TP (by year)**Response:**

Year	Authorised TPA	Interim TPA	Refused TPA <i>We only hold records for Refusal from May 2023</i>
2019	5	<5*	
2020	352	44	
2021	885	32	
2022	338	<5*	
2023	221	5	<5*
2024	117	<5*	<5*

Question 7: Total number of full authorisations that contain a Form 7 (incapacity to apply to Review Tribunal/Total Number of Referrals to Attorney General (by Year**Response:**

When a Trust Panel Application contains a Form 7 we always refer to the Attorney General so the figure for both questions is the same as listed below

2019	0
2020	135
2021	795
2022	276
2023	158
2024 up until 25/10/24	112

Question 8: Total Number of Responsible Persons Statements (by Year)

Response:

Year	Total Number of Responsible Persons Statements
2019	0
2020	46
2021	542
2022	730
2023	480
2024 up until 25/10/2025	367

Question 9: Total number of active and new detentions in hospitals under the Mental Health Order (1986) since 2019.

Response:

- Total number of current detentions in Southern Trust MH Hospitals = 55
- Total number of detentions carried out by Southern Trust Day time service since 1/1/19 - 30/9/24 = 894 (Belfast Trust will have figures for those detained out of hours)

*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 Act 2018.

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