

FOI 2776

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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- 1. All available treatment pathways for patients with eating disorders in the Trust's various specialist services (e.g. inpatient / day patient / community)?**

**Response:**

All treatment pathways for Adult Eating Disorders are incorporated into the You in Mind Pathway document.

Please see document attached.

The Southern Trust is unique in that it accepts referrals of all levels of severity. Individuals can be referred with first onset directly from GPs without any prior intervention.

- 2. The number of eating disorder patients in total on each available pathway and in each available setting so far this year and in each of the past 5 years.**

**Response:**

The Southern Trust does not have the specific pathways listed above and therefore cannot supply a breakdown of patients within them.

Below is the number of patients on team caseload for the Southern Trust in October for each of the years below.

\*Includes mild to moderate patients

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SHSCT*</b>
2018/19	133
2019/20	148
2020/21	140
2021/22	130
2022/23	109
2023/24	115

- 3. The number of patients in total with an eating disorder that have died of any cause so far this year and in each of the past 5 years.**

**Response:**

<5 patients opened to Southern Trust eating disorder service have died (any cause) in the past 5 years.

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.

- 4. Of the patients in question three, above, please provide the location in which the death occurred, for example, in an acute hospital, in the Specialist Eating Disorder Unit, in a palliative care setting, elsewhere in the Trust, or outside any Trust setting.**

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- 5. Please provide a copy of your Trust's SEED (Severe and Enduring Eating disorder) pathway or similar pathway for patients with long-standing eating disorders**

**Response:**

The Southern Trust does not have a SEED pathway.