

FOI 2804

19th December 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the following information, for the following years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

1. The number of mental health related SAIs, broken down by Trust location and investigation level.

Response:

Mental Health including Suicide	Location Armagh & Dungannon Area	N o.	Location Craigavon & Banbridge Area	No.	Location Newry & Mourne Area N&M	No.	Location Other	No.
	2020	Level 1	< 5	Level 1	7	Level 1	0	Level 1
	Level 2	< 5	Level 2	6	Level 2	5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	<5	Level 3	0
							Total	25
2021	Level 1	< 5	Level 1	9	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	< 5	Level 2	6	Level 2	<5	Level 2	<5
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
							Total	22
2022	Level 1	6	Level 1	6	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	6	Level 2	5	Level 2	<5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	<5	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
							Total	33
2023	Level 1	8	Level 1	10	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	6	Level 2	5	Level 2	5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	<5	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
							Total	38

2. The number of suicide related SAIs, broken down by Trust location and investigation level.

Response:

Suicide only	Location Armagh & Dungannon Area	No.	Location Craigavon & Banbridge Area	No.	Location Newry & Mourne Area N&M	No.	Location Other	No.
2020	Level 1	<5	Level 1	5	Level 1	0	Level 1	0
	Level 2	<5	Level 2	6	Level 2	5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	<5	Level 3	0
							Total	22
2021	Level 1	<5	Level 1	<5	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	<5	Level 2	5	Level 2	<5	Level 2	<5
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
							Total	14
2022	Level 1	5	Level 1	<5	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	<5	Level 2	<5	Level 2	<5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
			Total				Total	27
2023	Level 1	7	Level 1	9	Level 1	<5	Level 1	0
	Level 2	6	Level 2	<5	Level 2	5	Level 2	0
	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0	Level 3	0
							Total	34

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.

3. A copy of the documented process for conducting SAIs.

Response:

Please see attachment 1 - Regional SAI procedure

4. A copy of the key code for categorising SAI investigation levels.

Response:

Please see attached Regional SAI procedure.

5. All documentation addressing outcomes from mental health and suicide related SAIs.

Response:

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the information you have requested 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. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

6. All documentation on lessons learnt from mental health and suicide related SAIs.

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