

5 December 2016

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Our ref.: FOI/16/355

Dear Ms Corrigan

RE: Freedom of Information Request – Advocacy contract with Mind Yourself

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 7th November 2016.

Please see below a Trust response to your queries.

1. Please outline the complete remit for this contract

Mind Yourself provide Support, Information & a Listening Ear Service as well as a Peer Advocacy Service to Adults with a Mental Health Problems with an aim to alleviating Social Isolation, empowering them and increasing coping skills.

2. Please outline how much was paid to Mind Yourself over the past 3 financial years for this service, per year.

- 2016/17 - £28,661
- 2015/16 - £28,592
- 2014/15 - £29,578

3. Please outline if this service is restricted to certain types of mental health conditions or if it is inclusive of all mental health conditions

This is an advocacy service for Adults with Mental Health conditions. No restrictions are indicated in the Contract.

4. Is the jurisdiction for this service the whole of the WHSCT area?

This is an advocacy service for Adults with Mental Health conditions across the Western Health and Social Care Trust area.

5. How does the WHSCT define 'advocacy' ie what are Mind Yourself being paid to do here.

Mind Yourself is a community and voluntary organisation contracted by the Trust that provides a voice for people using the mental health services through user involvement in the planning and delivery of Trust services.

We hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

**Freedom of Information Office
Western Health and Social Care Trust**

Freedom of Information: If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Administration Building, Altnagelvin Hospital, Glenshane Road, Londonderry BT47 6SB (foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.

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