

Our ref: BMcM/kh/FOI 2017-050

28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

By Email: [whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Ms Corrigan

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

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Your request for information regarding advocacy services has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

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If you have any queries or concerns then please contact Mrs Claire Graham at the following address:

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Email: [Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryce McMurray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'B'.

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**BRYCE MCMURRAY**  
**DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH**  
**& DISABILITY SERVICES (Acting)**

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1. Which Body is/was funded to carry out advocacy services within the Northern Trust, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 financial years.

**The Southern Trust fund NIAMH Advocacy to deliver advocacy services for mental health and dementia in 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. They also fund CAUSE to provide advocacy services for carers.**

2. How much per annum was spent on funding this advocacy service during each of those financial years?

**The contract sum per annum was as follows:**

**NIAMH**

**2014 – 2015 £63,980**

**2015 – 2016 £75,668**

**2016 – 2017 £40,556 (To 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**

**CAUSE**

**2014 – 2015 £44,294**

**2015 – 2016 £55,367**

**2016 – 2017 £29,333 (To 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**

3. Please outline in detail a comprehensive outline of the exact remit of this service.

**Niamh Advocacy**

**The service is to provide an advocacy service for adults with mental health needs which helps to promote equality of opportunity social justice and human rights. The provider is to provide such services to those with mental health needs who are at risk of being discriminated against or excluded from major decisions affecting their lives, and reflect the principles and standards detailed in the „Developing Advocacy Services – A Policy Guide for Commissioners“ (May 2012) developed by DHSSPS**

**<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/Developing-Advocacy-Services-A-guide-for-Commissioners-May-2012.pdf>**

**CAUSE Carers Advocacy**

**The service is for the provision of advocacy services for carers of those in receipt of Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) provided adult mental health services, which reflect the principles and standards detailed in the „Developing Advocacy Services – A Policy Guide for Commissioners“ (May 2012) developed by DHSSPS (<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/Developing-Advocacy-Services-A-guide-for-Commissioners-May-2012.pdf>).**

4. Please clarify if this advocacy service is restrictive to certain types of mental health issues or if it is completely inclusive to all queries about mental health.

**These contracts are restricted for adults known to Mental Health services in the Southern Trust.**

5. How does the Southern Trust define 'advocacy' within this service i.e. what is the paid Body paid to do here.

**Services are provided in line with the Principles and Standards within the DHSSPS 'Developing of Advocacy Services – A policy Guide for Commissioners. May 2012'**

6. Is the jurisdiction only Southern Trust area?

**Yes for those known to Adult Mental Health services in the Southern Trust. This can include Southern Trust patients who have accessed a regional care facility.**