

Our ref: JMcG/jmck/FOI – 1478

20th February 2023

By Email: (request-945872-22520021@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Ms Gilliland

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information regarding Learning Disability respite beds has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you should write to Dr Catherine Weaver, Head of Information Governance, the FOI lead for the Trust. You have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact Information Governance at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

(Sent electronically, not signed)

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Enc: Response FOI/1478

SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE 1478

How many statutory learning disability respite beds and how many statutory learning disability respite units are being used?

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) currently has 8 statutory short break beds for complex nursing and behaviours that challenge. All 8 learning disability nursing short break beds are in use weekly and are in one respite unit, Woodlawn House, Dungannon. .

How many private sectors beds are being used for Learning Disability Respite over how many private care homes?

The SHSCT has 17 commissioned short break beds across 6 independent care homes to include nursing and residential beds.

What is the Trusts future planning to increase learning disability respite beds?

The Trust continues to work with Independent Sector Providers and families to maximise usage of commissioned LD short break beds and to explore other opportunities for short breaks to meet the needs of the population. The Trust is undertaking an options appraisal of short breaks which includes review of current services / contracts, current users, new referrals and future planning for young adults transitioning from children's to adult services.