

2nd October 2019

Helen Hamill [request-601593-45c1a165@whatdotheyknow.com]

Our ref.: FOI/19/291

Dear Ms Hamill

RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Outpatient attendances

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 4th September 2019.

You asked;

"Can I please have the following information about the patients attending outpatient clinics in Western Trust?

I would appreciate if you could gather this information for the following years:

- 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
- 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018
- 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Can you give me a breakdown by hospital area and then by postcode area of the number of outpatients who attended each outpatient clinic.

This should cover all of the hospital areas within the Western Trust."

In response please see attached a spread-sheet showing total outpatient activity by Specialty and Short Postcode for financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19. This is broken down to show hospital of clinic name, specialty of clinic, description, clinic identifier/ code, short postcode (4 characters) and number of attendances for each financial year.

We hope you find this response helpful. Please contact us at the below address if you have any further queries.

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, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ (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.

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, Cheshire 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 internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.