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26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

By Email: [request-356625-210efad2@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-356625-210efad2@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Ms Corr

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

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Your request for information regarding numbers of attempted suicides and suicides at Craigavon Area Hospital and the Bluestone Unit has now been considered and a response 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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Yours sincerely

Sent Electronically (Not Signed)

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**DIRECTOR OF ACUTE SERVICES**

**SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST**  
**RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 2016/491**

**How many attempts at suicide have been made at the Bluestone Unit and at Craigavon Area Hospital, for each year (separately), over the last five years?**

<i>Bluestone Unit</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Attempted Suicides</i>
2012	0
2013	0
2014	<5
2015	<5
2016	<5

<i>Craigavon Area Hospital</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Attempted Suicides</i>
2012	<5
2013	<5
2014	<5
2015	<5
2016	<5

*The above information has been extracted from the Trust adverse incident recording system. The figure <5 has been taken from incidents which have been coded as attempted suicide. These figures may not however include all incidents of attempted suicide, this is because incidents can be recorded according to the initial presentation of the incident and therefore will not be reflected in the figures for attempted suicides.*

*In order to extract all incidents of attempted suicide would involve a manual search of adverse incidents recorded and unfortunately the Trust is unable to provide this information. This is because the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information would exceed the £450 limit (18 hours work calculated at a rate of £25 per hour) and is therefore cost prohibitive.*

## **Number of patients that have died as a result of these attempts**

*Bluestone Unit - <5*

*Craigavon Area Hospital - <5*

*Please note that the actual figures for all of the above responses are exempt from disclosure under s40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act (third party personal information).*

*This is because the low number of patients involved, the limited geographical area covered by the Trust and media coverage of some incidents means there is a significant risk of identification of an individual, therefore disclosing the actual figures would breach one or more of the data protection principles (namely the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> principle).*

*The Trust also considers that, given the nature of the information requested, if an individual was to be identified from actual figures provided there would be a real risk of significant harm or distress to an individual or their family members.*