

Freedom of Information Request

The request below is for any secondary care treatment.

1. What is the number of recorded secondary care appointments made for mental health issues per year, for the past four years, under the Northern Health and Social Care Trust??

See attached.

2. What is the number of people who have received primary treatment for mental health per year, for the past four years, under the Northern Health and Social Care Trust?

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust does not have a Primary Care MH team.

3. What is the number of people who have received secondary care treatment for mental health per year, for the past four years, under the Northern Health and Social Care Trust?

Please see attached current cases.

4. How many people are currently awaiting their first consultation for mental health care or support from Northern Health and Social Care Trust?

HSCB publish this information in their Performance Report at their monthly Board meetings.

HSCB provided the link below to their Performance Report which includes published data on waiting times. Please see the document discussed at January 2022 HSCB Board Meeting – Item 5 Amended HSC Board Performance Report.

[HSCB Board Meetings 2021-2022 - HSCB \(hscni.net\)](#)

The current NHSCT position in respect of Adult Mental Health waits is referred to in the opening paragraph of the Mental Health Services section on page 16.

5. How many registered Mental Health Clinicians have worked for the Northern Health and Social Care Trust over the past four years?

Would it be possible to receive data for each question through the following variables?

By age: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65 and over

By Gender: Male & Female

By Region:

- **Antrim**
- **Armagh**
- **Down**
- **Fermanagh**
- **Londonderry**
- **Tyrone**

For ease in the request, please see the below regarding the definitions for primary care, secondary care/ treatment, and mental health clinicians.

Primary care - the initial approach made toward a mental health practitioner or clinician, outlining the specific diagnosis as well as treatment or care that is to be provided to the individual.

Secondary care/treatment - the application of specialist treatments or support provided by doctors, following on from the initial diagnosis of the individual.

Mental Health Clinicians - registered doctors, psychologists or therapists that currently practice mental health, provide advice or prescribed medicine within the said NHS Foundation Trust.

Total figure is 748 - the overall figure for staff will be higher than the staff currently in post, as this includes all staff who worked in the last 4 years but some will have since left due to rotation e.g. doctors.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Mental Health Services

FOI Request Reference

Mental Health Services - Appointments (Attends and Did Not Attends)

Includes the following services:

Community Mental Health Teams for Adults/Community Mental Health Teams for Older People/Psychological Therapies Services/Eating Disorder Service/Personality Disorder Service/Forensic Teams/Crisis Response Teams

YEAR	Under 18 years		Under 18 years Total	18-24 years			18-24 years Total	25-34 years			25-34 years Total	35-44 years		35-44 years Total	45-54 years			45-54 years Total	55-64 years		55-64 years Total	Over 65 years		Over 65 years Total	Grand Total
	Female	Male		Female	Male	Indefinite		Female	Male	Indefinite		Female	Male		Female	Male	Indefinite		Female	Male		Female	Male		
01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018	1		1	6864	6043	20	12927	11166	9117	59	20342	12941	9921	22862	13873	10662		24535	10276	9064	19340	17034	9669	26703	126710
01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019	1	2	3	7190	5833	14	13037	12129	9544	42	21715	12311	9013	21324	13002	9627		22629	10106	8492	18598	17249	9834	27083	124389
01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	2	1	3	7147	5313	29	12489	12294	8895	41	21230	12631	9475	22106	12154	9314	20	21488	9734	8484	18218	16714	10230	26944	122478
01/04/2020 - 24/02/2021	2	4	6	7918	4616	22	12556	14046	8779	87	22912	13811	9415	23226	12837	9534	7	22378	11772	8651	20423	14800	9112	23912	125413
Grand Total	6	7	13	29119	21805	85	51009	49635	36335	229	86199	51694	37824	89518	51866	39137	27	91030	41888	34691	76579	65797	38845	104642	498990

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