

### Freedom of Information Request

- How many people currently use Self Directed Support in your Trust area?  
Could you provide figures for those receiving:
- Direct Payments,
- Managed Budgets,
- Trust Arranged support
- and a combination of these options.
- How many people use Direct Payments, Managed Budgets and Trust Arranged Support in each Programme of Care across the Trust?

Is it possible to receive a breakdown how many people using:

- Direct Payments receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- Managed Budgets receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- Trust Arranged support receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- A combination of these options receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust is happy to provide you with the recurrent data for month ending September 2021 regarding how many Self Directed Support packages people were in receipt of in the NHSCT area via each Programme of Care (with the exception of providing the mixed option figure which is not available as explained below) in relation to:

<b><i>Programmes of Care:</i></b>	<b><i>Direct Payments:</i></b>	<b><i>Managed Budgets:</i></b>	<b><i>Trust Arranged:</i></b>	
<b>Children's Services</b>	162	4	171	
<b>Mental Health,</b>	123	1	1180	

<b>Older people</b>				
<b>Older People Services</b>	151	10	4260	
<b>Adult Mental Health</b>	20	1	156	
<b>Adult Learning Disability</b>	217	0	979	
<b>Adult Physical &amp; Sensory Disability</b>	131	8	705	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	804 Packages	24 Packages	7451 Packages	<b>TOTAL:</b> 8279 Packages
<u>Individuals who have been worked through and are live on the SDS process on 30 September 2021 in NHSCT</u>				<b>TOTAL:</b> 8131 People

It is important to highlight that the number of individuals stated above have been processed through the Self Directed Support approach, however there are a number of individuals who have yet to be worked through this process and therefore these figures are not a reflection of all those in receipt of care and support within the Trust.

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust does not centrally hold a record of the breakdown of hours allocated to each individual in receipt of services per option (in relation to fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week). Consequently we are unable to provide this information as it would require a manual exercise to source, locate, retrieve and collate this information which would exceed 18 hours. Therefore the Trust is applying Section 12 (1) of the FOIA, which states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request, if the staff time taken to determine whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting the information, would exceed 18 hours (at a cost exceeding £450).

Fundamentally Self Directed Support is based on the principle of what the individual's personal budget can achieve to meet the assessed need through providing flexibility and choice and does not simply focus on time and tasks involved.