

Questions:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act for information in respect of mental health data sets.

1. Please provide a list of all the mental health data sets the Department of Health/ SPPG has access to.
2. Please include information on which organisation is the data controller for each data set.

Responses:

Point 1 - list of all the mental health data sets the Department of Health / SPPG has access to:

- A. The Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) Information Team has access to the following Mental Health datasets.

These datasets are derived from aggregated information submitted by Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts to SPPG Information, primarily via manual data returns, usually on a monthly basis (unless otherwise specified).

It should be noted that the availability, completeness and quality of these data returns have been impacted by the rollout of the encompass electronic patient record system across HSC Trusts.

All Trusts have now gone live on the new system and are continuing to transition to fully digitised records. As part of this process, data submitted to SPPG is subject to extensive validation.

Until this validation is complete, there may be gaps in the data and limitations in data quality affecting what Trusts are able to submit for reporting purposes.

- Waiting Times - Adult Mental Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Psychological Therapies, and Dementia – waiting times presented in time bands, by Trust and Service Team, at month end
- Adult Mental Health Inpatient Activity - Admissions, current inpatients, discharges and delayed discharges
- CAMHS – Referrals and activity
- CAMHS Regional Inpatients – Admissions, discharges and length of stay
- Dementia – Referrals and activity
- Post 7-day discharge follow up – Number offered / attended a follow-up appointment within 7 days of discharge
- Mental Health Self-Harm (MHSH) - Adult and CAMHS referrals and activity
- Non-Inpatient Mental Health (NIMH) – Referrals, activity and completed waits by Service Team
- Non-Inpatient Psychological Therapies (NIPT) - Referrals and activity by Service Team
- MH Bed Availability/Occupancy - Available and occupied beds at month end
- MH Bed Availability/Occupancy - Daily snapshot of available and occupied beds

The information as listed above is management information collected for operational and reporting purposes. As such, the data may be subject to revision following validation and should be interpreted with caution.

SPPG cannot guarantee that the data is suitable for purposes other than those for which it was originally collected, and it should not be relied upon in isolation for performance comparison or decision making without appropriate context and supporting information.

- B. The Community Information Branch (CIB) in the DOH has access to statistical returns as listed below:
- Waits & Breaches for Mental Health, Psychological Therapies, and Dementia – Information on wait times (in time bands) by Trust and Service Team – provided from an SPPG return. (Note no regional, validated information has been available since encompass rollouts per Trust)
 - CAMHS – Information on wait times (in time bands) by Trust and Service Team – provided from an SPPG return. (Note: no regional, validated information has been available since encompass rollouts per Trust)
 - KH15/15b: Admissions under MH(NI) Order 1986: Legal Status - Number of compulsory admissions by MH Order Article and category of patient for each hospital. (Note: since encompass rollout only partial coverage has been restored)
 - KH16: Changes in legal status of patients Number of changes over the quarter, showing which Articles each patient was moved from, and to. (Note: since encompass rollout no coverage has been restored)
 - KH17: Electroconvulsive Therapy treatments - Number of patients receiving ECT, and the number of ECT treatments administered. (Note: since encompass rollout only partial coverage has been restored)
 - CILS1: Changes in legal status - Changes in legal status (Note: since encompass rollout only partial coverage has been restored)
 - MILD Census - Number of MH and LD patient's resident in hospitals (Note: this return has not been affected by encompass)
 - CIB are also working with SPPG and encompass staff in developing statistical extracts from the encompass system with the replication of the above as a priority. HSC Trusts remain the data controllers for encompass data.
- C. The SPPG Social Work, Mental Health and Disability Directorate have access to the following returns:
- Statutory Functions (SF) Returns collecting a range of information, including information in relation to Mental Health Programme of Care
 - Approved Social Work (ASW) Dataset; a monthly return collecting details on provision of Regional Emergency Social Work Service (RESWS) across all Programmes of Care.
 - Delegated Statutory Functions / Corporate Parenting Return.

In respect of the datasets listed in sections A to C above we would advise that whilst information from these datasets may be used to inform official HSC/DOH statistics, the returns mentioned above in their entirety are not routinely published.

Point 2 - information on which organisation is the data controller for each data set

In respect of the datasets listed in points A to C above - the Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts are the data controllers for the data they collect in the course of providing mental health services. The Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) / Department of Health (DOH) receive aggregated data from HSC Trusts for monitoring, planning and reporting purposes but does not act as the data controller for the underlying datasets.

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