

29 September 2021

Pain Management

FOI Request

1. **Can I ask for the number of patients who have accessed the Pain Management types you detailed? Again in 2018, 2019, 2020 and so far in 2021.**
2. **And could you please detail on the chronic pain provision how many patients are not from Belfast Trust geographically, thus using BHSCT as a regional clinic.**

Trust Response

Number of Patients Accessing the Pain Service by Year and Trust of Residence (ToR) includes inpatient/daycase services and outpatient attendances.

Acute Pain Service

This information is not available for the Acute Pain Service by Trust of Residence within the 18 hours. Section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours.

However we have provided the total numbers of patients assessed as follows:

2018 = 4026
2019 = 4795
2020 = 4132
2021 to date = 1191

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Chronic Pain Service

The information below relates to the Chronic Pain Service per geographical area. This information is the total number of patients and does indicate the number of attendances or contacts:

Chronic Pain ToR	Year of attendance			
	2018	2019	2020	Jan-Aug 21
Belfast	2389	1941	580	687
Northern	882	604	200	254
South Eastern	890	660	225	274
Southern	249	160	58	78
Western	75	55	18	20
Unknown	6	3	2	4
Total	4491	3423	1083	1317