

Information Governance

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Our reference: FOI DA3914

I am responding to your request for information received 13 August 2021 which you clarified on 17 August 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take in order to assist you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the 18 hour time limit, please do get in touch.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1:

Dear Sir/Madam, Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the most up to date figures from 2018 to present for the following request:

Question 1. What is the number of recorded General Practice appointments for mental health per year, for the past four years?

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review each GP appointment taken place over the last four years and establish why a patient attended and if this was regarding their mental health, collate the demographic information.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Question 2. What is the number of recorded secondary care appointments made for mental health issues per year, for the past four years?

Clarification - Follow up appointments

Question 3. What is the number of people who have received primary treatment for mental health per year, for the past four years?

Clarification - First attendance

Question 4. What is the number of people who have received secondary care treatment for mental health per year, for the past four years?

Clarification - Follow up appointment

Question 5. How many people are currently awaiting their first consultation for mental health care or support from the NHS?

Question 6. How many people are currently waiting to receive mental health support from the NHS through secondary support?

Clarification - Have not been seen yet, or are on a waiting list

Question 7. How many registered Mental Health Clinicians have worked for your NHS trust over the past four years?

Clarification – How many registered Mental Health Clinicians were working in the Trust on:

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01/04/2018
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01/04/2021

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 Location: [List Geographical Locations for the Trust here]

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 2-7 of your request for information and they can be responded to within the timeframe.

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