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I am responding to your request for information received 10 November 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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,



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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

NHS guidance on the transfer of adult prisoners under the Mental Health Act states prison clinicians should send formal referrals to the responsible mental health service. These are known as "forensic gatekeeping referrals". Please can you help with the following?

Question 1. How many "forensic gatekeeping referrals" to transfer mentally ill prisoners to hospital did the trust receive every year between 2010 and 2020 (please give separate figures for each year)? Please use the attached spreadsheet.

Answer: Please see spreadsheet attached.

Question 2. How many of these referrals (see above) resulted in admission to hospital every year between 2010 and 2020 (please give separate figures for each year)? Please use the attached spreadsheet.

Answer: Please see spreadsheet attached.

Please note, that the Forensic service often acts as a gatekeeper and many referrals are assessed and then admitted to more appropriate inpatient care, for example in Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) or a high secure ward. This data is not included as admission on admission to ELFT Forensic Service