

Information Governance

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Thank you for your request for information received 9th April 2019. I am sorry for the delay in responding to you. 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 Coordinator

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:

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Request:

Question 1. How many people being referred for (any form of) PTSD are being diagnosed with it? Of people from "Bedfordshire and Luton" that have been referred for assessment for post-traumatic stress disorder that have either, this calendar year, been diagnosed with it or have finished their assessment (i.e. are not in the waiting for being assessed), how many have been diagnosed with the condition and how many in total were referred for the assessment?

Answer: Please find below the number of PTSD diagnoses this calendar year to date:

Month	No. of PTSD diagnoses
Jan-19	39
Feb-19	52
Mar-19	40
Apr-19	15
May-19	19

The Trust does not hold information on the number of people from Luton and Bedfordshire that have been referred for assessment for post-traumatic stress disorder as this is not recorded in a format that allows us to retrieve this as a reason for referral. The Trust would need to look at each service user's clinical record to determine the reason for referral. Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this 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. Of those that were not diagnosed, how many were because it was found they did not have the condition as opposed to being just left not diagnosed but might still have it? (I gather many people referred for diagnosis are not actually diagnosed with it and am trying to gain an insight into whether there are people being referred that actually are realistic cases that probably do have it but which the Trust is not diagnosing formally or just referring on or back to no support or back to their life with no diagnosis when they very likely have it.)

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information as this is not recorded in a format that allows us to retrieve this as a reason for referral. The Trust would need to look at each service user's clinical record to determine the reason for non-diagnosis. Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this 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 3. Does it cost the Trust to make a diagnosis of PTSD at all and how much per diagnosis does it cost? Please provide the information preferably by ordinary body of an email or by PDF.

Answer: The Trust is unable to respond to this question as it does not hold this information.