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Thank you for your request for information received on 28th November 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I'd like to be provided with the following information

- Question 1.** The number of times Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) treatment was used in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Question 2.** The number of patients treated with Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Question 3.** The number of patients treated under 18 years of age in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Question 4.** The number of patents aged 18-25 in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010
- Question 5.** The number of patients treated over 25 years of age.
- Question 6.** What proportion of patients were male and female per age group

Answer: Please see table below for answers to questions 1 – 6.

Please note, the Trust has only been able to provide data for the periods 30/05/2017-31/12/2017, 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018 and 01/01/2019 - 30/11/2019 as prior to this time, the Trust used paper records to collate ECT data and therefore we would need to review each patient file which would mean that 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.

Questions	30/05/2017-31/12/2017	2018	01/10/2019-30/11/2019
1. No. of seen contacts*	374	935	692
2. No. of referrals**	35	59	59
3. Patients under 18	0	0	0
4. Patients aged 18-25	0	0	1
5. Patients aged over 25	35	59	58
6. Female patients	63%	73%	75%
6. Male patients	37%	29%	25%

Please note:

* The Trust has counted the number of seen contacts in the ECT team during each period.

** The Trust has counted the number of referrals that had seen contacts during each period.

Question 7. How many patients gave consent to the treatment?

Answer: To provide this we would need to review each paper file to retrieve this information as ECT consent forms were in paper form, which would mean 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.