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I am responding to your request for information received 25 April 2023. 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 provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and in order to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

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 eighteen 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,

Information Rights Coordinator



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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:

ECT

Question 1: Please supply patient's information ECT leaflet.

Question 2: Please supply patient ECT consent form

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1 and 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

ECT Leaflet –

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/ect_consult_form.xlsx

ECT consent form –

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/ect_leaflet.pdf

Question 3: Please supply any ECT reports/investigations

Answer: The Trust has reviewed this question for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

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This information is not held by the Trust as this is not an investigation category. The information is not held and therefore cannot be provided.

Question 4: How many ECT in 2022?

Question 5: What proportion of patients were men/women?

Question 6: How old were they?

Question 7: What proportion of patients were classified people of the global majority or racialised communities ("POC / BAME")?

Question 8: How many were receiving ECT for the first time?

Question 9: How many patients consented to ECT?

Answer: Questions 4,5,6,7,8,9 collectively would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 10: How many ECT complaints were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 11: How many patients died during or 1 month after ECT and what was the cause (whether or not ECT was considered the cause)?

Question 12: How many patients died within 6 months after ECT and what was the cause (whether or not ECT was considered the cause)?

Question 13: How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving ECT (whether or not ECT was considered the cause)?

Question 14: How many patients have suffered complications during and after ECT and what were those complications?



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 11,12,13,14 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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This Trust does not record this information centrally. To obtain this information would require accessing each patient's record who is recorded as receiving ECT and as being deceased or having had complications to see if they fall within the scope of these questions.

As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 15: Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about ECT?

Question 16: If so, what was their concerns?

Answer: Information for questions 15 and 16 would take less than an hour to collate.

Question 17: How many patients report memory loss/loss of cognitive function?

Answer: This question would take three and a half hours to collate.

Question 18: What tests are used to assess memory loss/loss of cognitive function?

Answer: This question would take three and a half hours to collate.

Question 19: Have MRI or CT scans been used before and after ECT?

Question 20: If so, what was the conclusion?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 19, 20 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 21: How does the Trust plan to prevent ECT in the future?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 21 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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SERIOUS INCIDENT

Question 1: Please supply any serious incident reports/investigations?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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To obtain this information would require accessing each patient record. As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 2: How many SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS in 2022?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 3: What proportion of patients were men/women?

Question 4: How old were they?

Question 5: What proportion of patients were classified people of the global majority or racialised communities ("POC / BAME")?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 3, 4, 5 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: How many SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 7: How many patients died during or 1 month after SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS and what was the cause (whether or not SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS was considered the cause)?

Question 8: How many patients died within 6 months after SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS and what was the cause (whether or not SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS was considered the cause)?

Question 9: How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS (whether or not SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS was considered the cause)?

Question 10: How many patients have suffered complications during and after SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS and what were those complications?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 7, 8, 9, 10 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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This Trust does not record this information centrally. To obtain this information would require accessing each patient's record who is recorded as having a serious incident recorded and as being deceased or having had complications to see if they fall within the scope of these questions.

As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 11: Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS?

Question 12. If so, what was their concerns?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 13. How does the Trust plan to prevent SERIOUS INCIDENTS in the future?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 13 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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RESTRAINTS

Question 1. Please supply any Restraints/investigations?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 2. How many RESTRAINTS in 2022?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 3. What proportion of patients were men/women?

Question 4. How old were they?

Question 5. What proportion of patients were classified people of the global majority or racialised communities ("POC / BAME")?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 3, 4, 5 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6. How many RESTRAINTS were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 7. How many patients died during or 1 month after RESTRAINTS and what was the cause (whether or not RESTRAINTS was considered the cause)?

Question 8. How many patients died within 6 months after RESTRAINTS and what was the cause (whether or not RESTRAINTS was considered the cause)?

Question 9. How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving RESTRAINTS (whether or not RESTRAINTS was considered the cause)?

Question 10. How many patients have suffered complications during and after RESTRAINTS and what were those complications?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 7, 8, 9, 10 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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This Trust does not record this information centrally. To obtain this information would require accessing each patient's record who is recorded as being restrained and as being deceased or having had complications to see if they fall within the scope of these questions.

As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 11. Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about RESTRAINTS?

Question 12. If so, what was their concerns?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 13. Are counts of forced injections available?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 14. How does the Trust plan to reduce restraints in the future?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 14 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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SECLUSION

Question 1. Please supply any SECLUSION reports/investigations

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 2. How many SECLUSIONS in 2022?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 3. What proportion of patients were men/women?

Question 4. How old were they?

Question 5. What proportion of patients were classified BAME?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 3, 4, 5 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6. How many SECLUSIONS were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 7. How many patients died during or 1 month after SECLUSION and what was the cause (whether or not SECLUSION was considered the cause)?

Question 8. How many patients died within 6 months after SECLUSION and what was the cause (whether or not SECLUSION was considered the cause)?

Question 9. How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving SECLUSION (whether or not SECLUSION was considered the cause)?

Question 10. How many patients have suffered complications during and after SECLUSION and what were those complications?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 7, 8, 9,10 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 11. Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about SECLUSION?

Question 12. If so, what was their concerns?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 13. How does the Trust plan to prevent SECLUSION in the future?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 13 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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MEDICATION ERRORS

Question 1. Please supply any MEDICATION ERRORS reports/investigations

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 2. How many MEDICATION ERRORS in 2022?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 3. What proportion of patients were men/women?

Question 4. How old were they?

Question 5. What proportion of patients were classified BAME?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 3,4,5 for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6. How many MEDICATION ERRORS were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 7. How many patients died during or 1 month after MEDICATION ERRORS and what was the cause (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

Question 8. How many patients died within 6 months after MEDICATION ERRORS and what was the cause (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

Question 9. How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving MEDICATION ERRORS (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

Question 10. How many patients have suffered complications during and after MEDICATION ERRORS and what were those complications?



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 6,7,8.9 10, for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to respond to these questions.

Question 11. Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about MEDICATION ERRORS?

Question 12. If so, what was their concerns?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

Question 13. How does the Trust plan to prevent MEDICATION ERRORS in the future?

Answer: This information would take approximately an hour to collate.

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