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I am responding to your request for information received 22 September 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 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 to help 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

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
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Request:

Section 1: Spending on private provision:

Question 1: How many beds did you have to pay private hospitals or providers for in the past five calendar years? (By each calendar year I mean 1 Jan to 31Dec. For 2023, please give data from 1Jan up to 31 August inclusive.)

- a. Could you please break this down by: a. Year, 2019 to 2023
- b. Type of bed contracted, (e.g. male, female, PICU, CAMHS)

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 2: How much did you pay private hospitals for provision of beds in the past ten calendar years? (Could you please break this down by:
a. Year, 2019 to 2023)

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Section 2: Waiting times:

Question 3. What was the average waiting time for a psychiatric bed in each calendar year, from 2019 to 2023.

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 4: How many patients waited more than 24 hours for a psychiatric bed in each calendar year, from 2019 to 2023.

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 5: How many patients waited more than 3 days for a psychiatric bed in each calendar year, from 2019 to 2023?

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 6: What is the longest period a patient has had to wait for a psychiatric bed in your trust in 2023?

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Section 3: Discharge beds:

Question 7. How much has been spent by your trust on discharging patients to bed and breakfasts or hotels in each calendar year between 2019 and 2023?

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 8: How many patients have been discharged to bed and breakfasts or hotels in each calendar year between 2019 and 2023?

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 9: What is the longest period of time a patient discharged from one of your wards has stayed at a bed and breakfast or hotel after they were discharged in 2022 or 2023?

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.



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