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I am responding to your request for information received 28 February 2024. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,



Keshia Harvey  
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** I would like to make a freedom of information request about your adult eating disorder services.

Please provide the following information by the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 up to the present date 28/2/24.

During each calendar year, in adult services:

**Question 1:** How many new referrals started treatment for an eating disorder?

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Number of referrals
2020	57
2021	55
2022	92
2023	196
2024	72

**Question 2:** How many patients were discharged from your service following treatment for an eating disorder?

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Number of discharges
2020	52
2021	48
2022	68
2023	146
2024	36

**Question 3:** How many of those patients (discharged) had achieved a BMI of 18.5 or higher when they were discharged?

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Discharged patients with BMI of 18.5 or higher
2020	9
2021	3
2022	10
2023	24
2024	7

Please note, the above data has been taken from a searchable field in the electronic patient record. However, specialist eating disorder services also hold and use BMI data within other domains of the record, for example progress notes, correspondence and externally provided summaries.

In order for the Trust to provide information requested, staff would have to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information Request as this would contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR.



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**Question 4: How many of those patients (discharged) had a BMI of below 15 when they were discharged?**

Answer: Please see table below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Discharged patients with BMI of 15 or lower</b>
2020	1
2021	0
2022	5
2023	3
2024	0

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**Question 5: What was the lowest BMI recorded of a patient when they were discharged (out of patients from point 4)?**

Answer: Please see table below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Lowest recorded BMI</b>
2020	14.79
2021	16.24
2022	13.46
2023	14.48
2024	16.88

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**Question 6: How many of those patients (from point 4) were readmitted within 3 years of being discharged?**

Answer: Please see table below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Discharged patients with BMI of 15 or lower – readmitted within 3 years</b>
2020	0



Calendar Year	Discharged patients with BMI of 15 or lower – readmitted within 3 years
2021	0
2022	4
2023	1
2024	0



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