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**Our reference: FOI DA5254**

I am responding to your request for information received 6 March 2024. 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

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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1: As of 01/03/24, how many inpatients at psychiatric hospitals operated by your trust are transgender, or identify as a different sex to the sex assigned to them at birth?**

**Answer:** As of 1 March 2024, 14 inpatients were recorded as transgender or identified as a different sex to the sex assigned at birth.

Please note this may not be a reflective figure as this information may not be recorded formally on their record.

**Question 2: Please provide your guidance on transgender inpatients, including the contact they are allowed with other patients, and whether they are treated on wards that correspond with the gender they identify as, or the gender they were assigned at birth.**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 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:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/Transgender%20Inpatients%20Policy%202.1.docx>



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