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I am responding to your request for information received 16th January 2025. 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,

FOI Team

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: Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

For the last five years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024), could you please provide me with the following information:

Question 1: How many patients did you treat who were from out of the area?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of out-of-area patients treated*
2020	740
2021	576
2022	445
2023	450
2024	384

*Figures exclude Forensic services /Mother & baby units/Children Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Question 2: How many patients did you have to deny treatment and send to another mental health trust because of a lack of capacity or for any other reason?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of patients placed with other providers*
2020	1
2021	8
2022	54
2023	117
2024	341

*Figures exclude Forensic services /Mother & baby units/Children Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Question 3: How many beds did you have for your mental health patients?

Answer: Please see table below:

Date	Bed capacity*
31/03/2020	597
31/03/2021	580
31/03/2022	551
31/03/2023	562
31/03/2024	562

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Question 4: How many patients did you place in accommodation outside of the hospital e.g. bed and breakfasts or hotels as you had run out of beds?



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

In order to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: How many patients were ready to be discharged but were kept in hospital as they had no suitable accommodation or care package?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of patients with delayed transfer of care*
2020	6
2021	19
2022	10
2023	102
2024	190

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