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**Our reference: FOI DA6239**

I am responding to your request for information received 3 September 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,

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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information in relation to veterans and the Armed Forces community within your Trust:

For clarity, a veteran is a person who has served in the UK's Armed Forces for at least one day, whether as a regular service member or a reservist, and has since left that service. A member of the Armed Forces community may include serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their families.

**Question 1:** Inpatient treatment pathway for veterans

- Does your Trust have a dedicated inpatient treatment pathway specifically for veterans? If so, please provide details.

**Answer:** No, the Trust does not have a specific inpatient pathway for veterans.

**Question 2:** Veteran staff employed by the Trust

- How many members of staff currently employed by your Trust identify as veterans?
- Please provide this information broken down by gender.

**Answer:** 14 staff in total identify as veterans. Gender: six female and eight male.

**Question 3:** Veterans treated within the Trust in the last 12 months

- How many veterans have been treated by your Trust in the last 12 months?
- Please provide a breakdown by division/service (e.g., Adult Mental Health, Forensic services, etc.), and specify whether treatment was provided in inpatient or community care settings where possible.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Number of veterans treated in the period 01/09/2024-31/08/2025		
	Care Setting	
Specialty	Community	Inpatient
Adult - PICU	0	1
Adult Mental Illness	81	2
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	55	2
Forensic Psychiatry	5	2
Learning Disability	4	0
Old Age Psychiatry	16	1

**Question 4:** Support for the Armed Forces community

- What specific support does your Trust offer for the Armed Forces community (including serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their families)?

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 4 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.*



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The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/service-users-and-carers/support-armed-forces-communities>



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