



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-350

Date: 1st October 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding agency

On 4th September 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

Are you just after numbers of people with that diagnosis, whether we treated the eating disorder or not. Or are you after people who admitted due to their eating disorder?

On the same day you replied with:
'Just to clarify I'm requesting the patients who were admitted due complications or issues related to their eating disorder, namely anorexia, anorexia nervosa, bulimia and bulimia nervosa.'

Q1 I would very much appreciate your help in providing me with the following information with regards to Royal Stoke.

This is an official Freedom of Information request for data related to Eating Disorders, specifically "Anorexia, Bulimia and Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (RFID)"

PATIENT NUMBERS

- * **How many ADULTS were admitted in the first 6 months of 2024 with one of the above diagnoses?**
- * **How many CHILDREN were admitted in the first 6 months of 2024 with one of the above diagnoses?**

- * **How many ADULTS were admitted in 2022 with one of the above diagnoses?**
- * **How many ADULTS were admitted in 2023 with one of the above diagnoses?**

- * **How many CHILDREN were admitted in 2022 with one of the above diagnoses?**
- * **How many CHILDREN were admitted in 2023 with one of the above diagnoses?**

A1 Eating Disorders are dealt with by the Mental health Trust and not UHNM. There is a unit based at St Georges in Stafford called the Kinver Centre that deals with this cohort of patients as such we are unable to help with this FOI.

Please contact: Adult Inpatient (Kinver Ward) Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (mpft.nhs.uk)

Note: We do have patients with eating disorder at UHNM, when they are physically well they may be transferred to a specialist eating disorder unit. Some patients with eating disorder are detained under the Mental Health Act prior to transfer to Specialist unit.

Children with Eating Disorder will be admitted to Children's ward at UHNM and again when physically well may be transferred to a Specialist CAMHS Unit either informally or detained under the Mental Health Act. When we have children admitted with eating disorder the UHNM work closely with CAMHS and we have specialist Adult and Children MH services that we can utilise.

Note: as per your clarification above, we do not record the reason for the admission, therefore, to ascertain this information the data will have to be manually reviewed to ascertain if the admission was due to the eating disorder or not as these conditions are also classed as co-morbidities (like asthma and diabetes is) and will be applied to the inpatient record whether the patient has been treated or not for that condition.

Therefore, I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally but may be recorded in health records (1915 patients). To confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *burden on the authority*

Q2 STAFF NUMBERS

*** How many members of staff are trained specifically to work with ADULT inpatients with any of the above diagnoses?**

*** How many members of staff are trained specifically to work with CHILD inpatients with any of the above diagnoses?**

*** How many members of staff have undertaken extra training related to the above diagnoses to support ADULT inpatients?**

*** How many members of staff have undertaken extra training related to the above diagnoses to support CHILD inpatients.**

A2 The number of staff who have completed training within the last 3 years. Please note these are not mandatory training courses:

- (i) Eating disorder training for nurses - 3
- (ii) Eating disorder training for medical students and foundation doctors - 2

Q3 WARDS

- * What type of ward are ADULTS with any of the above diagnoses admitted to?
- * What type of ward are CHILDREN with any of the above diagnoses admitted to?

A3 As answer 1

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,





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