



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-670

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the Mental Health Act. I apologise for the delay to your response.

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 questions (c) and (d) is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order 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.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Please send me:**

- 1. For 2018, within the hospitals under your authority...**
  - a. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed in a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”**
  - b. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed somewhere else within the hospital, other than a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”**
  - c. How many people were admitted to hospital after being sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983**
  - d. How many people sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were unable to have the hospital as their designated “place of safety” due to lack of available beds.**

**A suggestion for the layout is below:**



	a. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed in a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”	b. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed somewhere else within the hospital, other than a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”	c. How many people were admitted to hospital after being sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983	d. How many people sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were unable to have the hospital as their designated “place of safety” due to lack of available beds
Number of people	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX

A1 Mental health services are managed by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust. If you wish to redirect your request to the Trust you can do so by post or email as below:

[communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk);

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Trust Headquarters

Lawton House

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Number of people	As above	As above	Section 12 exemption as detailed above	Section 12 exemption as detailed above

**Q2 Same for 2017**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 Same for 2016**

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

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle  
**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**