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Thank you for your request concerning out of area beds.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

**1. How many times did the Trust use “out of area” beds between January 1st, 2016 and January 1st, 2017?**

72 times

**2. How many service users used out of area beds during the same period (i.e. note both usage by number of beds used and number of individual patients that used them.**

Number of Services Users	Number of Beds Used
66	72

Note: Several had more than one spell during that period.

**3. What costs has HPFT incurred as a result of this? Please break down costs. i.e. per service user and the duration of their stay.**

The total cost was £1.816m.

This ranged from:  
£730 for a short stay  
£181k for a full year

Due to the small numbers involved, we have applied Exemption Section 40 (3) to this part of your request because releasing this information could identify individuals and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (1998).

**4. Please detail which hospital they were sent to.**

Please see attached list.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

**Sue Smith**  
**FOI/DPA Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

