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Thank you for your request concerning patients who absented or were missing from psychiatric units.

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

Please provide a list of incidents since 1/1/2014 until the present day, or for as much of that period as possible, during which a patient went absent or was otherwise missing from psychiatric treatment units (in- or out-patient) within your Trust.

This should include at least:

- **The date and time of the incident (and/or of the incident being reported and recorded),**
- **Whatever information about the patient it is permissible to release within Data Protection regulations (possibly this would include gender, age or age category, length of relationship with the unit in question.**

Please see attached.

Please note:

The incidents included in the response relate to:

- Failure to return from planned leave (detained under the Mental Health Act and informal). This includes service users who returned later than the planned time of return.
- Abscond from escorting staff member (detained under the Mental Health Act and informal).
- Abscond from ward incidents (detained under the Mental Health Act and informal).

The age ranges and time have been provided where the information was available in our incident reporting system.

We have applied Exemption Section 40 (2) to any reference to the hospital involved because releasing this information could identify individuals and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (1998).

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](#).

