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Thank you for your request concerning internet gaming disorder (video game addiction).

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

Types of services offered for problem gaming/video game addiction;

1. **Number and job title of qualified mental health professionals within each service who offer treatment for internet gaming disorder**
2. **Number of behavioural addiction specialists within the Trust;**
3. **Number of child and adolescent specialists who offer treatment for this disorder;**
4. **Lowest age limit for referral to service.**
5. **We would also like to gather specific referral data for any individuals that had been referred for treatment of problem gaming (over the last five years) within the trust as follows:**
6. **Number of referrals where problem gaming was the primary reason for referral;**
7. **Age of referrals;**
8. **Gender of referrals;**
9. **Type of treatment and/or talking therapies offered;**
10. **The estimated time spent on a waiting list prior to initial contact;**
11. **How many attended first appointment;**
12. **How many never attended;**
13. **How many completed treatment;**
14. **With those who completed treatment, how many presented with risk pertaining to their gaming behaviours;**
15. **How many dropped out of treatment part way through;**
16. **How many were still in treatment.**

Again, we are unable to help you with your request because a gaming addiction is not a recognised disorder in the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD10 5th Edition 2016), which is where we acquire all our mental health classifications from. Therefore we do not hold the information you require¹.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or does not exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

To establish if we hold this information I have made enquires with our Clinical Coding Department who checked the Coding Academy, Code Right and the Clinical Coding Classification Service.

We are aware that America does have an ICD10-CM code of F63.0 but this translates to Pathological Gambling.

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

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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](#).

