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Thank you for your request regarding children that are deemed Gillick incompetent.

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

**1. How many children deemed Gillick incompetent (unable to give consent using Fraser Guidelines), have been treated under parental consent in CAMHS inpatient facilities in your trust over the last 2 years? If the trust does not hold records for 2 years on this 1 year would be acceptable.**

As a Trust we do not treat any Gillick competent inpatients under parental consent as the patient can consent themselves and this is encouraged. If a patient is not Gillick competent then we can rely on parental consent for certain treatments. If a patient has been deemed not to be Gillick competent and their admission to Forest House does not amount to a deprivation of liberty we would rely on parental consent for this admission. As a mental health organisation if any admission is going to amount to a deprivation of the person's liberty, then parental consent cannot be relied upon and we would be required to assess the person under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983. At present our electronic record is unable to extract information in relation to Gillick competence so we are unable to provide accurate data in this instance. We are working on a new system that will allow our electronic record to capture this data and hope this will be in place by September.

**2. What is the average length of time these children were treated as an inpatient under parental consent?**

Please see response above.

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

*Sharon Farrell*

**Sharon Farrell**  
**Information Rights 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](#).

