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Our Ref: FOI 2730

Thank you for your request concerning unplanned acute in-patient admissions/referrals for services users with a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

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

A. Out-of-area referrals to other NHS providers

- 1) For patients with schizophrenia presenting with an acute psychotic episode requiring an in-patient admission, what is the total number of patients that have had to be directed out of area/referred from your Trust to another NHS provider over the past 5 years due to lack of capacity at your Trust?**

Please provide total numbers for 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Please state:

- 2) To which NHS providers (if any) were these patients referred?**
- 3) How many patients were referred to each NHS provider?**
- 4) By NHS Provider, how many patients referred were admitted for 60 days or longer?**
- 5) What was the average length of in-patient admission for these patients (by NHS Provider)?**
- 6) By NHS provider, what was the cost incurred by your trust in sending these patients to other NHS providers?**

We do not hold the information you are requesting by diagnosis¹. However, to be helpful we have provided the total number of mental health patients sent to other NHS Providers.

Please see attached pdf.

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.

B. Referrals to private (Non-NHS) mental healthcare providers

- 1) For patients with schizophrenia presenting with an acute psychotic episode requiring an in-patient admission, what is the total number of patients that have had to be directed out of area/referred from your Trust to a private (non-NHS) mental healthcare provider over the past 5 years due to lack of capacity at your Trust?

Please provide total numbers for 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Please state:

- 2) To which NHS providers (if any) were these patients referred?
3) How many patients were referred to each NHS provider?
4) By NHS Provider, how many patients referred were admitted for 60 days or longer?
5) What was the average length of in-patient admission for these patients (by NHS Provider)?
6) By NHS provider, what was the cost incurred by your trust in sending these patients to other NHS providers?

Please see explanation provided under question 1 for information held.

Please see attached pdf.

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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Information Rights Officer**

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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](#).

