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Thank you for your request concerning Electro-Convulsive Therapy (ECT).

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

1. What is the total number of people who have undergone electro-convulsive therapy within your Trust within the last two years? (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

In the last two years 85 services users have received a course of ECT.

2. How many people have completed at least one course of electro-convulsive therapy within your trust within the last two years? (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

Please see the answer to question 1.

3. Of the total number of people who have undergone electro-convulsive therapy within the trust within the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) How many are women?

Of the 85 service users, 65 were women.

b) How many are women and aged over 50?

Of the 65 women receiving ECT, 52 were over 50 at the start of the course.

4. Of the people who have received ECT in the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) How many have been offered more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

We do not hold information on the number of services users being offered more than one course in a reportable format¹.

However to be helpful in the last two years 11 services users have received more than one course.

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) How many women have been given more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

Of the 11 service users receiving more than one course, all 11 were women.

c) How many women over the age of 50 have been given more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

Of the 11 receiving more than one course, 9 were over 50.

5. How many who have undergone ECT treatment in the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) Have been discharged from mental health services?

Of the 85 services users receiving ECT in the past two years, 26 have been discharged from our Mental Health services.

b) Have been discharged from mental health services who are women?

Of the 26 service users being discharged, 19 are women.

c) Have been discharged from mental health services who are women over the age of 50?

Of the 19 women discharged, 16 were over 50.

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**

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](#).

