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Our Ref: FOI 2842

Thank you for your request concerning readmissions for adults on our acute inpatient wards.

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

Questions:

1. I would like to know the latest readmission rates on acute inpatient both female and male for adults.
2. I would like to know the readmission over the last year for the above population, whether this be informal or under the MHA.
3. I would like the information for readmission of 28 days following first discharge.

Answer:

In the last year (February 2017 to January 2018) we have had 1259 admissions.

For us to validate every admission for re-admission and then further breakdown for re-admissions within 28 days and whether informal or under the MHA would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

It is estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to manually review each of the 1259 admission to extract the information, i.e. 104 hours @ £25ph = £2,622.00.

Should you like to discuss payment or 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
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](#).



¹ Section 12 : The cost of compliance with a request exceeds the appropriate limit has been applied