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Thank you for your request concerning Under 18's admitted to adult wards.

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

**a) How many people under the age of 18 have been admitted to your adult mental health wards in:**

	<b>Number of Under 18s admitted to mental health adult wards*</b>
<b>2015</b>	*
<b>2016</b>	*
<b>2017</b>	0

*The only reason to admit a young person of any age to an adult ward is lack of appropriate CAMHS bed at the time (we often have to wait for units to come and carry out their own assessments where they will then determine if the young person is appropriate for their CAMHS unit and this can take time). Due to clinical need and or risk the only interim alternative would be to admit to an adult ward with a view to moving the person to a CAMHS ward as soon as possible.*

*\* Due to the low number of under 18's admitted to an adult ward, we have applied Absolute Exemption S40 (2) – Personal Data<sup>1</sup> to the requested breakdown of information. This is because by releasing this information it could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (1998).*

**b) How many of these were under 16 years of age in:**

	<b>Number of Under 16s at the time of admission to adult mental health ward</b>
<b>2015</b>	0
<b>2016</b>	0
<b>2017</b>	0

<sup>1</sup> S40 Personal information (s40)

c) What age was the youngest patient to be admitted to an adult mental health ward during this time in:

	Age of youngest patient admitted to an adult mental health ward
2015	16
2016	17
2017	Not applicable

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*

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](#).

