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Thank you for your request concerning Eating Disorder service users under a Section 3.

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

1. The number of eating disorder patients detained in hospital under Section 3 Mental Health Act 1983 in 2013, 2014 and 2015 in your area?

PLEASE NOTE: The numbers for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are **not accurate**. This is because we changed our Electronic Patient Recording system in 2013 and we are unable to reliably report on referrals received before this date as differences in the systems would not give a true reflection of the mental health referrals received.

Under the FOIA the right of access is to the information which is held, not information which is accurate.

The below table shows the number of service users on Section 3 with an Eating Disorder.

Calendar Year	Number of Service Users
2013	*
2014	7
2015	11

* Due to the small numbers involved we have applied Exemption Section 40 (2) to this part of your request¹. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

2. Number of eating disorder patients detained under S3 MHA 1983 who were discharged from hospital under a Community Treatment Order (CTO) in 2016 and 2017 in your area.

The below table shows the number of service users discharged under a CTO with an Eating Disorder.

Calendar Year	Number of Service Users
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0

¹ Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

3. Number of eating disorder patients in your area who were discharged from hospital in 2016 and 2017 who had been detained under S3 MHA 1983 at any time (including immediately prior to discharge) during their stay in hospital.

The below table show the number of Eating Disorder services users discharged who had previously been on a S3.

Calendar Year	Number of Service Users
2013	*
2014	*
2015	7

* Please see above caveat

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

**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](#).

