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Our Ref: FOI 3147

Thank you for your request concerning the number of children sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

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

**QUESTIONS:**

- A) The number of children sectioned under the Mental Health Act 1983 for the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18.**
- B) The age ranges and gender of the children sectioned under the Mental Health Act 1983 for the financial year 2017/18. Please provide age ranges of 0-4, 5-10, 11-13 and 14-17.**
- C) The age and gender of the youngest girl and youngest boy sectioned under the Mental Health Act 1983 in the financial year 2017/18.**

Please see attached spreadsheet as requested.

Due to the small numbers involved we have applied Exemption Section 40(2) to part of Question B. As a Trust we would normally redact numbers of 5 or less. However, due to this being particularly sensitive information in this instance we consider entries of 10 or less to be sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

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](#).

