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Our Ref: FOI/03206

Thank you for your request concerning internet gaming disorder.

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

Questions:

1. **We would like to request the following information about the facilities and capacity to deal with internet gaming/video game addiction:**
 - a) **Types of services offered for problem gaming/video game addiction;**
 - b) **Number and job title of qualified mental health professionals within each service who offer treatment for internet gaming disorder;**
 - c) **Number of behavioural addiction specialists within the Trust;**
 - d) **Number of child and adolescent specialists who offer treatment for this disorder;**
 - e) **Lowest age limit for referral to service.**

2. **If you currently do not offer specific services for problem gaming/video game addiction, do you plan to in the future?**

3. **We would also like to gather specific referral data for any individuals that had been referred for treatment of problem gaming for the calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (year to date), including the following information:**
 - a) **Number of referrals where problem gaming was the primary reason for referral;**
 - b) **Age of referrals;**
 - c) **Gender of referrals;**
 - d) **Type of treatment and/or talking therapies offered;**
 - e) **The estimated time spent on a waiting list prior to initial contact;**
 - f) **How many attended first appointment;**
 - g) **How many never attended;**
 - h) **How many completed treatment;**

Answer:

The response to this FOI request is already in the public domain¹. Please follow this [link](#) to our disclosure Log.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means has been applied

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](#).

