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Thank you for your request concerning internet sex addiction or porn addiction.

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

1) As of the 15/05/19, how many people were in contact and undergoing treatment with your mental health trust for “internet sex addiction” or “porn addiction”.

We are unable to help you with your request because “internet sex addiction” and “porn addiction” is not recognised diagnosis in the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD10 5th Edition 2016), which is where we acquire all our mental health classifications from. Therefore we do not hold the information you require¹.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or does not exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

To establish if we hold this information I have made enquires with our Clinical Coding Department who checked the above mentioned classification books and [Snomed](#).

2) In the last five years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, how many people have been treated and discharged by your mental health trust for “internet sex addiction” or “porn addiction”.

Please see the answer to question 1.

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

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

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

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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](#).

