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Our Ref: FOI/03427

Thank you for your request concerning the cost of Psychiatric Care Treatment and ECT.

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

1) How many psychiatric beds does each hospital have within the Trust?

The adult inpatient pathway has 98 Assessment and Treatment beds and 2 male Psychiatric Intensive Care beds.

These are broken down as follows:

Hospitals	Number of Beds
Albany Lodge, St Albans	24
Lister Mental Health Unit, Stevenage	20
Kingsley Green, Radlett	66

2) How much does it cost to treat a person under psychiatric care per year ? (In Patient Cost and Out Patient Cost)

This question requires costings at patient level; this Trust does not currently produce PLICS (patient level costing) data.

The cost to treat an individual under psychiatric care would vary according to their needs and the service they require.

3) Please provide the last 10 years' worth of accounts for the Trust.

Please follow this [link](#) to our website where you can find our Annual Reports for the past 5 Financial years (2014/15 to 2018/19)¹.

Please see attached the remaining 5 Finance Years Annual Reports (2009/10 to 2013/14)

4) Which hospitals administer Electro-Convulsive Therapy (ECT)?

Since August 2014 we have a dedicated ECT Suite located at Kingfisher Court, Kingsley Green, Radlett. Treatments also take place at Watford General Hospital.

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means

5) **If ECT is administered, how many instances was it administered each year over the last 10 years.**

Under the FOIA the right of access is to the information which is held, not information which is accurate. We are unable to provide accurate ECT data over the last 10 years due to the way historically the information was recorded.

However, under Section 16 of the FOA and to be helpful, please follow this [link](#) to a previously published FOI request¹. The spreadsheet shows the number of patients treated and the number of treatments in various units from 2006 to 2015/16.

The below table shows the number of patients and number of treatments since 2016/17.

	Number of Patients	Number of Treatments
April 2015 – March 2016	44	557
April 2016 – March 2017	41	407
April 2017 - March 2018	49	555
April 2018 - March 2019	53	679

6) **How many children between the ages of 6 and 16 have been administered electric shock treatment?**

Zero, no children have been administered ECT.

7) **How many children aged 5 or younger have been administered electric shock treatment?**

Zero, please see explanation provided under question 6.

8) **How many consultant psychiatrists are employed by each Trust?**

We currently employ 109 consultant psychiatrists.

9) **How many fatalities were recorded of people treated under psychiatric care for each year, over the last 3 years? (Both Inpatient and Outpatient)**

	Number of Fatalities Recorded
April 2016 – March 2017	52
April 2017 – March 2018	60
April 2018 – March 2019	79

Caveat: These are deaths recorded on the Trust's incident reporting system within mental health services only that were not from a natural cause.

10) Of those fatalities how many were deemed a preventable death, triggering a Prevention of Future Deaths report ?

After requesting clarity with regard to this question (as the issuing of a Prevention of Future Deaths (PFD) report does not mean the death was preventable). The requester confirmed as follows: the number of those deaths that trigger a Prevention of Future Deaths order, and how many of those were found to be preventable.

	Number of PFD Reports
April 2016 – March 2017	1
April 2017 – March 2018	0
April 2018 – March 2019	0

Caveat: The Trust is not required in keeping with existing guidance to identify whether a death is preventable.

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

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Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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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](#).

