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Our Ref: FOI/03601

Thank you for your request concerning admissions to our Place Of Safety 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.

In relation to people detained under a section of the Mental Health Act, e.g. s135 and s136 and taken to Places of Safety we would be grateful if you would furnish us with the following information,

- 1) How many patients have been admitted to the Places of Safety in your area for the period 1st January – 31st December 2019.**

There were 875 admissions under S136 to HPFT Places of Safety during 2019.

- 2) How many patients have waited for entry to these Places of Safety for more than one hour since January 1st 2019?**

This information is not recorded by HPFT¹.

- 3) Please supply a copy of your policy and protocol, for providing support and care for people detained under the Mental Health Act, who are required to queue outside this Place of Safety when the Place of Safety is full.**

The Hertfordshire S136 interagency policy is attached for your information.

- 4) What safeguards do you have in place to support people detained under the Mental Health Act, when there is no capacity in a health-based place of safety?**

Please refer to S136 policy for information and escalation procedures.

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

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](#).

