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Thank you for your request concerning inpatient placements of foreign national.

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

- 1. When it is not possible for the trust to place mental health patients in beds in services in the area, is it the trust's policy (formally or informally) to prioritize in-area beds for local residents/nationals and place foreign nationals further afield? If it is the policy, please provide the reasoning behind this policy.**

No there is no such policy either formally or informally.

- 2. Please provide copies of any policies which reference the trust's placement of foreign nationals in inpatient mental health beds.**

Not applicable.

- 3. Please state how many foreign nationals have been placed in out of area beds by the trust in the last three years 2018-21 (please provide a total and a total for each year).**

We do not record nationality of services users on our Electronic Patient Recording (EPR) system¹. However, under S6 – duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided you with the total number of services users placed in out of area beds under question 5.

- 4. Please state how many foreign nationals have been placed in in-area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year).**

Please see the answer to question 3.

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.

5. Please state how many nationals have been placed in out of area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year).

	Total Number of Service Users placed in out of area beds (NATIONALITY UNKNOWN)
2018/2019	89
2019/2020	176
2020/2021	198

6. Please state how many nationals have been placed in in-area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year).

	Total number of Service Users placed in HPFT beds (NATIONALITY UNKNOWN)
2018/2019	1173
2019/2020	1053
2020/2021	980

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

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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](#).

