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Thank you for your request concerning Eating Disorder Inpatients.

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

I would like to receive information relating to the number of inpatients in mental health wards at Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

- 1. The total number of inpatients in your mental health wards at the end of each month. Please state how many inpatients are informal and how many are detained under the Mental Health Act.**

**Please could you provide the data as a total for all mental health wards you are operating as well as individually for (1) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Wards and (2) Adult Mental Health Wards.**

**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Where possible we have provided the number of Adults and Children and Adolescents inpatients broken down by month and by MHA Status.

However, due to the small number of the Children and Adolescent inpatients in a particular month we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

It is not possible to provide the monthly breakdown of informal and detained children and adolescent in 2019 again due to small numbers and potentially identifiable data. However, under S16 –The duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance we have provided you with the overall number.

- 2. Please state all eating disorder wards you are operating.**

We do not operate eating disorder wards.

**For the following questions, if you have eating disorder wards for (1) Children and Young People and for (2) Adults, please could you give the data for them separately.**



3. **The total number of inpatients in all your Eating Disorder Wards at the end of each month. Please state how many inpatients are informal and how many are detained under the Mental Health Act.**  
**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**
4. **Please state the admission criteria for eating disorder wards.**
5. **Please state the average admission BMI of all patients that have been admitted to an eating disorder ward each month.**  
**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**
6. **Please state the percentage of admissions that were below a BMI of 13 each month.**  
**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**
7. **The number of referrals for eating disorder inpatient care each month. Please state how many of these referrals are classed as urgent or emergency.**  
**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**
8. **Please state the average waiting time in days for an inpatient admission to eating disorder wards each month. Please also state the average waiting times for referrals that are classed as urgent or emergency.**  
**Please could you provide the data for each month of the following years:  
01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.**
9. **The number of patients that have been taken off the waiting list before they could get admitted. If possible, please state the reason why they got taken off the waiting list. Please could you provide this as yearly totals for 2018, 2019, 2020 and for the first 6 months of 2021.**

Question 3 to 9 are not applicable to us.

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

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Information Rights Officer**

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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](#).

