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Thank you for your request concerning Staffing and Waiting List for Saffron.

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

**1. How many people do Saffron Ground employ who can provide DBT (and the various other treatments that they claim to offer the people of Stevenage)?**

Currently there are 2 Psychologist Therapists for the North Quadrant (Saffron Ground and Centenary House) who can provide DBT.

**2. How many people can Saffron Ground offer DBT to?**

Currently Saffron Ground

- has capacity for a maximum of 10 service users in the full DBT programme.
- there are two DBT skills groups running, with maximum capacity of 22 in total.
- there is 1 DBT informed skills group running, with maximum capacity of 12

We also offer two other interventions (MBT and SCM) for individuals with similar needs, relating to self-harm and/or emotional regulation, plus a range of trauma therapies.

**3. How many people are getting DBT via Saffron?**

This information is not held in a reportable format<sup>1</sup>.

In order for us to provide this information would involve us manually going through 850 service users record (current Saffron Ground CMHT caseload). It is estimated that it would take 10 minutes to scrutinise each record to establish what treatment or therapy the service users are receiving i.e. 141.66 hours @ £25 = £3,541.66

In addition, we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles.

**4. How many people are on the waiting list for DBT via Saffron?**

It is not possible to provide you with the number of service users waiting for DBT. Individual's treatment plans are not recorded in a reportable manner.

<sup>1</sup> Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

**5. How many people have contacted Saffron for help with their mental health issues?**

In the past financial year (01/04/2021 to 01/02/2022) there have been 902 referrals to Saffron Ground (CMHT).

**6. How many of those people have subsequently been assessed by Saffron?**

Of which 648 service users have received an initial assessment.

**7. How many were identified as needing treatment?**

345 were identified as requiring on going mental health services.

**8. How many of those identified as needing treatment have been given the treatment that they needed?**

All service users assessed as requiring on going mental health interventions are receiving mental health input from the Team.

**9. How many more are on waiting lists to receive their treatment?**

We have 49 service users waiting for care co-ordination.

**10. How long are those waiting lists?**

The waiting list for care co-ordination is dependent on need.

**11. How many more practitioners would Saffron need before they can offer the same level of treatments that are required?**

This information is not recorded<sup>2</sup>.

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Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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