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Thank you for your request concerning Body Dysmorphic Disorder.

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

1) How many people have been diagnosed with Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) in the trust during the past 20 years (or as far back as the records allow you to search) –

Since 2002 we have 959 referrals recorded on our Electronic Patient Recording (EPR) system identified as having or have had an ICD10 diagnosis code of F45.2 (Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD)) as a primary or secondary diagnosis.

Caveat: We have provided the data we hold on the number of service users with an ICD10 code of F45.2 going back to 2002. However, this information may not be an accurate reflection of all the service users with this diagnosis because the ICD10 code was not always recorded in a reportable manner. Under the FOIA the right of access is to the information which is held, not information which is accurate.

To validate this information would invoke S12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

2) In the past 20 years (or as far back as it is possible to search records) how many people with Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) were treated in primary care services.

We do not hold this information¹. We are not a primary care provider.

3) In the past 20 years (or as far back as you may be able to search in the records) how many people diagnosed with Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) were treated in secondary care.

Of the 959 referrals, 660 service users have an attended contact identified on our EPR with an ICD10 diagnosis code of F45.2 as a primary or secondary diagnosis.

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.

- 4) Can you provide me with a yearly breakdown of how many people within the trust have been diagnosed with BDD and treated per year over the past 20 years (or as far back as the records allow you to search). Broken down by: --how is "treated" being defined is it the first attended appointment and is it with a particular service?
- a) The number of people diagnosed/treated with BDD per year and the area/region within the trust.
 - b) Gender
 - c) Ethnicity
 - d) Age
 - e) Region/area in the trust

Please see attached spreadsheet.

* Due to the small numbers of service users with a BDD diagnosis we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)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.

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

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](#).



² Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).



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