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Our Ref: FOI/04561

Thank you for your request concerning child out of area placement (OAP).

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

- Q1: Total number of monthly inpatient admissions and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022.**
- Q2: Total number of monthly inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:**
- Number of inappropriate OAP days per month
  - Number of inappropriate OAPs active at the end of each month
  - Number of inappropriate OAPs started each month
  - Number of inappropriate OAPs ended each month
- Q3: The monthly lengths of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:**
- In these breakdowns if possible: a) 1-30 nights, b) 31-90 nights, c) 91 or more nights
  - average, longest, shortest stay (as of the last day of the year)
- Q4: The monthly distance travelled for inappropriate OAPs from January 2017 to December 2022:**
- In these breakdowns if possible: a) less than 50km, b) 50km or greater and less than 100km, c) 100km or greater and less than 300km, d) 300km or greater
  - average, longest, shortest distance (as of the last day of the year). For longest and shortest distance please include the receiving provider/inpatient unit.
- Q5: The monthly cost of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:**
- Total cost for inappropriate out of area placements each month
  - Average cost per bed day each month
- Q6: Yearly totals of receiving providers of inappropriate OAPs, so the number of patients sent to each receiving provider per year as well as the proportion of receiving providers that are private providers.**
- Q7: Yearly average, youngest and oldest age of children and young people on inappropriate OAPs.**

HPFT is a Provider Mental Health Trust and provides a number of beds within Hertfordshire, however we are not the commissioner of these beds nor any other CAMHS beds, whether inappropriate out of area or not. We therefore do not hold the information you request<sup>1</sup>. Prior to July 2021 commissioning of CAMHS beds sat with NHS England, from July 2021 it is with "Provider Collaboratives"; NHS England hold the National Database on all CAMHS placements so we would suggest you contact them to answer this FOI.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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](#).

