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Our Ref: FOI/04572

Thank you for your request concerning Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

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

1) The number of ASD patients detained within your trust that were deemed fit for release and awaiting discharge.

5 or less.

Due to the small numbers of ASD service users detained under the MHA that were deemed fit for release and awaiting discharge 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.

2) The number of ASD patients that were sent to out of area placements.

5 or less.

Due to the small numbers of ASD service users sent out of area 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.

And the following data held on all patients within your trust between April 2021 and April 2022:

3) The number of patients detained under the MHA that were awaiting an ASD assessment.

Zero; referrals for an ASD assessment would not be accepted for a service users detained under the MHA.

4) The cost per year of detaining a patient under s3 of the MHA.

It is not possible to provide you with this level of breakdown. The full cost of a service user detained under S3 of the MHA would depend of service, length of stay, treatment plan, activities, security level of hospital, how many tribunals, manager hearings, reviews etc.

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](#).

