

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 24 November, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request and:

1. What is the furthest distance (in miles) your trust has sent a mental health patient out-of-area for inpatient treatment this year and the previous five years? Please provide specific locations and postcodes.
2. What is the furthest distance (in miles) your trust has sent a mental health patient under the age of 18 to receive inpatient mental health treatment this year and over the previous five years? Please provide specific locations and postcodes.

Response:

The information is not recorded in a single reportable source, and mileage is not recorded. The information is held in a number of sources but to report, search, cross reference, derive and assemble the information requested would require the Trust to exceed the appropriate limit. NHS England commission the mental health inpatient care of children and young people, and the Trust advises a request to them to request such information. Approximately 800 records would require review across a number of systems to collate the information. If it took only 3 minutes per record a minimum of 40 hours work would be required to collate the information requested. The appropriate limit is set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act at 18 hours.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure

the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance