

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 8 May 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

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 [RIPA] in the last 3 years.

NB: This refers only to cases where the Mental Health Trust has decided to use RIPA itself -- not cases where external bodies, such as the police, have made RIPA requests.

Could you please tell me:

- 1) How many members of staff (including former members of staff and locum staff working for the Trust) has the Trust investigated using RIPA powers? Please break this down by year.
- 2) What type of investigation was done under RIPA? E.g. copies of emails, internet history, etc?

Response:

1. 0. No information held.
2. 0. No information held.

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