

Our reference: /FOI D9326

27<sup>th</sup> August 2019

[Joebloggs@email](mailto:Joebloggs@email)

Joe Bloggs

Dear Joe,

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9326**

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*Please tell me how many patients admitted to outpatient eating disorder services at Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust had a BMI of*

*a) 18-25*

*b) 26 and over*

We wrote to you to request clarity on your request and you confirmed *"I am talking about BMI at time of referral of service users in the last two financial years. I'm interested to know how many of all those referred during this period had BMIs 18-25 and 26 and over."*

GMMH has two Eating Disorder Services based in Salford and Manchester. Below are the number of accepted referrals for which the referral start date was between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2019.

Service	Number of Referrals
Community Psychological Therapies Service – Salford	708
Manchester	249
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>957</b>

BMI information is routinely collected by the services; however, this is recorded within the progress notes of each person's clinical record. To extract this information would involve a manual search through each of the 957 referrals above to determine the BMI at the time of referral. If it took only 5 minutes to review each record, this would amount to 80 hours of work which far exceeds the current appropriate limit of 18 staffing hours and is therefore subject to

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an exemption in accordance with **Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act – the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**

The below referrals had a confirmed primary diagnosis of anorexia nervosa and therefore are likely to have had a BMI below 18, however it is not possible to split the referrals into BMI 18-25 and 26+ due to the reasons mentioned above.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Number of Referrals</b>
Community Psychological Therapies Service – Salford	107
Manchester	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>112</b>

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team  
Freedom of Information Department  
Greater Manchester MH NHS Foundation Trust

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