

Our reference: /FOI D9324

21st July 2019

Joebloggs@email

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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9324

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

I am a journalist looking into the case of the fake psychiatrist Zholia Alemi who was jailed last year for conning a former patient out of more than £1million.

During the police investigation, it emerged that she had been practising in the UK for 22 years, using a bogus medical qualification.

According to records released by the General Medical Council regarding complaints made about her fitness to practice, she worked for a time in the 1990s and maybe subsequently for the Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust. I understand that this trust was taken over by the Greater Manchester Mental Health Foundation Trust.

I would like to know how many patients of the trust were prescribed drugs by her during this period and how many did she section?

Also, can you please confirm how long she worked at the trust for.

The information you have requested is subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act – Information Intended For Future Publication**. GMMH is currently undertaking investigations into service users who were seen by Zholia Alemi and a statement will be published once this is complete.

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.

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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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