

Our reference: /FOI D9350

17th September 2019

Joebloggs@email

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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9350

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act. We are looking at the current performance of in-patient care facilities under Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in the UK. Please provide average monthly data between (and including) Jan 1st 2016-August 1st 2019 for each question. Can you put this information into an excel spreadsheet please?

I would like to know:

1- What were the modal and mean average waiting times for patients (in days) referred to CAMHS in-patient services? A monthly or yearly break down is fine - depending on what you record.

The Trust does not report on waiting times for in-patient referrals and or admissions. GMMH is fully compliant with NHSE specification regarding timeframes. NHSE service specifications can be accessed at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/specialised-commissioning-document-library/service-specifications/> under Tier 4 CAMHS adolescent medium secure or Tier 4 CAMHS general adolescent services.

2- How many beds do you have in your in in-patient services for CAMHS patients? A monthly or yearly break down is fine - depending on what you record.

Please see attached spreadsheet.

3- How many patients were treated in CAMHS in-patient services each month? Please provide a figure for each month between (and including) Jan 1st 2016 and August 2019.

The attached spreadsheet includes all inpatients during the month, therefore each patient is counted within each month until discharged.

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4-Looking at all the patients you treated in CAMHS in-patient services, what were the medical conditions they were treated for. Please provide a list of conditions for each year between (and including) 2014 and 2019.

The attached spreadsheet includes those patients with a confirmed primary diagnosis.

5- How much money have you spent per year on in-patient services (CAMHS)? Please provide a figure for each year between (and including) 2016 and 2019.

The information you have requested is subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act – commercial interests**, as it is considered commercially sensitive.

We believe that releasing this information would be against the Trust's commercial interests as it would disclose the current value of GMMH's CAMHS contracts.

However, as Section 43 is not an absolute exemption I have detailed a public interest test below outlining this decision.

Reasons in favour of disclosure:

- GMMH is committed to openness and transparency and releasing this information would be line with that aim.
- There is a public interest in understanding how public money is spent.

Reasons against disclosure:

- It is in the public interest for the Trust to be able to tender for services effectively.
- To release the spend on CAMHS inpatient services would potentially affect future tender negotiations and harm the commissioner's negotiating position by revealing the details of this contract to other potential bidders.
- It would also put the Trust at a commercial disadvantage on renewal of the contract.
- Ongoing relations between our commissioners and GMMH could be prejudiced or damaged if prices on contract detail and annual spend were released.

As such the Public Interest test is against disclosure therefore the information you have requested is exempt under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Commercial Interests.

6-How many of the patients under your care (CAMHS) have been transferred to private hospitals through your NHS trust? Please provide a figure for each month between (and including) Jan 1st 2016 and August 1st 2019.

Please see attached spreadsheet.

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.

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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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