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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9346

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

Do you have a policy of routine enquiry about domestic violence and abuse?
Yes.

If so, In your mental health services in Bolton - What percentage of women are asked whether they have been victims of domestic abuse?

Also what is the percentage of women in Mental Health Services who have been victims of domestic abuse

In the Achieve Achieve Drug and alcohol Service in Bolton what percentage of women are asked whether they have been victims of domestic abuse?

If so what is the percentage of women in the Achieve Service in Bolton who have been victims of domestic abuse?

What percentage of your clients have experienced childhood abuse in the Drug and Alcohol Service?

How many referrals are there from the Bolton Drug and alcohol service to other mental health services that are made because of mental health problems that are the result of childhood trauma?

This information is subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act – Information Accessible by Other Means**. The information you have requested is already available on our FOI Disclosure Log at <https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/disclosure-log> The relevant response is 'D9312 – Domestic Violence and Abuse' released on 01.08.19. The response relates to all Trust services and therefore includes Bolton Achieve Services.

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Also, the Trust's policies on domestic violence and abuse can be found in relation to 'D9306 – Policy for Employees Experiencing Domestic Abuse' released on 23.07.19 which includes a copy of the Staff Affected by Domestic Violence Abuse Policy and 'D9133 – Policies re Gender, Trauma and Abuse' released on 01.03.19 which includes a copy of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Policy.

In addition, Bolton Achieve services have confirmed that questions around if the service user has been subject to domestic violence and abuse are asked at assessment stage and revisited within review appointments. This information is recorded within the progress notes of the service user's clinical record and therefore is not extractable. If domestic violence is indicated, a risk checklist will be completed to help practitioners to identify high risk cases and inform if a referral to MARAC is required.

As this information is not extractable, to provide the figures requested would involve manually reviewing the record of each service user to locate the information and then collating these figures. To do this would exceed the current appropriate limit of 18 staffing hours and is therefore subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act – the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**

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

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