Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9460

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

Please can you tell me how many people sectioned under section 2 or 3 of the Mental Health Act with a primary diagnosis of dementia were given section 117 aftercare services over the past 5 years. Please provide a figure for each year.

In each case, please can you state where the aftercare services were provided and how much funding each patient was given to help pay for the aftercare services.

If section 117 aftercare services were not provided, please provide a reason in each case.

This request is subject to an exemption in accordance with Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act – the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Section 117 aftercare is not recorded as a data field within our clinical system and therefore information relating to this is not extractable. To obtain the requested information would involve a manual search of the clinical record for each service user to extract the information relating to section 117 aftercare and may also require liaising with other involved professionals. There were 395 service users with a diagnosis of dementia at the point of admission and a MHA Section 2 or 3 at the time of the admission within the last 5 years. Even at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per service user, this would take at least 33 hours which far exceeds the current appropriate limit of 18 staffing hours.

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.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
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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