

Our reference: /FOI D9464

20th December 2019

Joebloggs@email

Joe Bloggs

Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9464

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

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000. My request relates cancer patients seeking NHS mental health services.

I would like to request the following information:

- 1) The total number of cancer patients seeking mental health services under your jurisdiction for each year over the past 10 years.*
- 2) Details on average waiting time that cancer patients have faced while waiting for your services for each year over the past 10 years.*

I would also like to receive the following information, preferably with each factor placed in relation to each other:

- 3) Details of the specific ailments cancer patients have been suffering that led them to seek one of your services for each year over the past 10 years.*
- 4) Details of the kind of cancer that each of these patients are suffering, and at what stage of development that cancer is.*

This could be presented, for example, with columns on a table containing a particular kind of ailment, and rows containing a particular kind of cancer and its stage of development, with the cells that match between columns and rows containing the total number that fits both categories.

GMMH does not routinely capture information about cancer patients accessing mental health services. Information of this nature may be recorded within the progress notes of the service user's clinical record, however to determine whether this information is held would involve

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

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, The Curve, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 3BL Tel: 0161 773 9121.



reading through the records of each individual who has accessed GMMH services within the past 10 years. This would far exceed the current appropriate limit of 18 staffing hours and therefore 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.**

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

Please note:

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication and subscription charge, would require the permission of the copyright holder. In accordance with the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, information provided to you may not be used for commercial publication, subscription charge or sold on to a third party.

For any named personnel provided in this Freedom of Information response, they do not wish to receive direct marketing, to do so would contravene GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, The Curve, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 3BL Tel: 0161 773 9121.

