

Our reference: /FOI D9473

6th January 2020

Joebloggs@email

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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9473

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

I am completing some research on the operation of Section 140 of the Mental Health Act 1983. Please can you provide me with the details of the following information?

1. The number of patients who have had a completed Mental Health Act assessment (by two doctors and an AMHP) in the past 12 months, where it has not been possible to admit them within 24 hours due to the lack of a suitable bed.

There have been 13 patients who have been assessed by two doctors and an AMHP. It was not possible to admit within 24 hours due to lack of a suitable bed. 3 patients were CAMHS patients and delays were due to NHSE guidance around Tier 4 assessments which prevented admission within 24 hours.

2. Please can you provide me with details of your Escalation Policy where it has not been possible to locate an appropriate bed for a patient.

Please see attached, both are in draft and being piloted at present. The Trust have introduced 5 surge beds across GMMH which are utilised during increased periods of demand as well as an additional 23 contracted beds with the Priory Group at Cheadle.

There are twice daily teleconference Monday to Friday in place with representation from each Division where the demand and capacity are reviewed.

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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