

Our reference: /FOI D9512

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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9512

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

I am making a request for information under the freedom of information act. Please provide me with the below information if your organisation provides a community eating disorder service.

1.

	Salford, Wigan, Tameside, Bury and Oldham Eating Disorder Service	Manchester Community Eating Disorder Service
<i>What are the referral criteria for adults (18 and above) for your community eating disorder service? Please include any current restrictions on urgent or routine referrals.</i>	The individual has an eating disorder/suspected eating disorder. The individual is suitable for outpatient eating disorder services	The individual has an eating disorder/suspected eating disorder. The individual is suitable for outpatient eating disorder services. The service does not accept people who have a BMI below 14.
<i>What are the referral criteria for children and young people (17 and under) for your community eating</i>	N/A – adult service (over 18 years except for transition cases where age of accepted referral is 17.5 years)	N/A – adult service (over 18 years except for transition cases where age of accepted referral is 17.5 years)

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<i>disorder service?</i>		
<i>Is access to any element of your community eating disorder services mentioned above defined by Body Mass Index alone?</i>	Acceptance criteria to the service is <u>not</u> defined by BMI.	Acceptance criteria to the service is <u>not</u> defined by BMI; however BMI and generally physical health needs to be suitably stable to community treatment (if not referral to day care/ inpatient would be considered). People who have a BMI below 16 would be classed as urgent in the service, however this is along with other medical and psychological urgent criteria that would deem someone as urgent.
<i>How many adults (18 and above) were referred to the community eating disorder service in the following years: 2019-2020 (to date), 2018-19,2017-18?</i>	Referrals Received: 2017/18 – 450 2018/19 – 449 2019/20 - 249	Since 2015 the service has seen an increase in referral activity from approximately 240 to 300 referrals per year. The Quarter 2 performance report affirms this level of demand with 145 referrals being received in the first six months of 2019/20, ranging from 19 to 29 in a single month period. Of these referrals, approximately 25% are considered to be urgent and 75% routine. The service has also started collecting its own data since 21/10/19; to date, 97 referrals have been received, with 22 being classed as urgent.
<i>How many children and young people (0-17 years) were referred to the community eating disorder service in the following years: 2019-2020 (to date), 2018-</i>	N/A	N/A

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19,2017-18?		
<i>How many adults were rejected for treatment by your community eating disorder service due to the patient's body mass index?</i>	2 – Individual's BMI and physical health status was outside of the parameters that can be safely managed in the community and a direct referral to inpatient eating disorder services was made.	Since our own data collection from 21/10/19, out of 97 referred since that date, 4 people have been referred for inpatient treatment due to concerns around their BMI/ general physical health. No other people have been declined due to their BMI.
<i>How many children and young people were rejected for treatment by your community eating disorder service due to the patient's body mass index?</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>What was the most common reason for patients not meeting referral criteria in your community eating disorder service? Please state this for both adults (18 and above) and children and young people (0-17 years)?</i>	No eating disorder. Disordered eating as a result of other mental health problem.	No eating disorder. Disordered eating as a result of other mental health problem, and people would be referred to other services for treatment.

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

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