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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 32782 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Patient Abscond

Your request is set out below:

1. For 2021 please supply the total number of times a patient absconded from inpatient mental health facilities within the Trust;
 - a) A breakdown of absconsions per facility

AWOL	2019
11 Ethelbert Road	Fewer than 5
111 Tonbridge Road	Fewer than 5
Eastern & Costal Area Offices	95
Littlebrook Hospital	58
Priority House	59
Trevor Gibbons Unit	6
Allington centre	Fewer than 5
Littlestone Lodge	6
Ruby Ward	Fewer than 5
Bridge House	Fewer than 5
Brookfield Centre	Fewer than 5
Jasmine Ward	Fewer than 5
Newhaven Lodge	Fewer than 5
Rivendell	0
Riverhill Ward	Fewer than 5
Thanet Mental Health Unit	Fewer than 5
Tarentfort Centre	0
The Grove	0
The Rosebud Centre	Fewer than 5

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Helen Greatorex

Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged. The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information

2. For 2020 please supply the total number of times a patient absconded from inpatient mental health facilities within the Trust;
 - b) A breakdown of absconsions per facility

AWOL	2020
11 Ethelbert Road	0
111 Tonbridge Road	0
Eastern & Costal Area Offices	87
Littlebrook Hospital	64
Priority House	40
Trevor Gibbons Unit	17
Allington centre	0
Littlestone Lodge	0
Ruby Ward	0
Bridge House	0
Brookfield Centre	0
Jasmine Ward	6
Newhaven Lodge	Fewer than 5
Rivendell	Fewer than 5
Riverhill Ward	0
Thanet Mental Health Unit	Fewer than 5
Tarentfort Centre	0
The Grove	Fewer than 5
The Rosebud Centre	Fewer than 5

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3. For 2019 please supply the total number of times a patient absconded from inpatient mental health facilities within the Trust;
 - c) A breakdown of absconsions per facility

AWOL	2021
11 Ethelbert Road	27
111 Tonbridge Road	0
Eastern & Costal Area Offices	63
Littlebrook Hospital	52
Priority House	52
Trevor Gibbons Unit	18
Allington centre	Fewer than 5
Littlestone Lodge	Fewer than 5
Ruby Ward	0
Bridge House	0
Brookfield Centre	0
Jasmine Ward	Fewer than 5
Newhaven Lodge	0
Rivendell	0
Riverhill Ward	0
Thanet Mental Health Unit	0
Tarentfort Centre	Fewer than 5
The Grove	10
The Rosebud Centre	Fewer than 5

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I confirm that the information above/attached completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department