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Dear Sophie,

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 47196 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Acute Inpatient Wards and Enteral Feeding

Your request is set out below:

- The number and type of inpatient mental health wards managed by your organisation (e.g 2 older adult inpatient wards, 1 PICU, 3 acute inpatient wards etc)

Please visit our trust website which provides a comprehensive breakdown of our inpatient mental health wards - [KMPT | Our services | Page 1](#)

- How many patients have been enterally fed on these wards, by quarter, since January 2023.

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- How many of these patients were detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.

N/A

- How is enteral feeding recorded on the electronic patient records, for example RiO and ePMA?

The Trust uses Rio as the master patient record and would record this within the physical health forms, and on diet and fluid charts.

- If no patients were enterally fed on inpatient mental health wards within the last 24 months, is this because of an exclusion criteria, i.e. if this treatment was clinically indicated would a patient be transferred to a different setting? If so, what is the rationale for this please.

The Trust does not accept patients who are fed enterally/parenterally because of the risks involved.

These patients need monitoring to ensure that the tube is in the right place all the time before feeding/ giving medication. Sometimes these patients will need an X ray to ensure that the tube is in the right place (stomach) and this type of physical health equipment is not present on KMPT wards.

However, there has been some exceptions where we have accepted patients with PEG feeding but we have had to bring in the Nutricia team from the community to teach our staff on PEG feeding and use of a feeding pump. A patient with these would only be accepted once training has taken place on the ward.

I confirm that the information above 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