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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45146 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Mental Health Act Assessments bed availability

All information requested is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which can not be extracted as a stand alone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Your request is set out below:

1. How many Mental Health Act assessments were carried out in each of the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24?
2. How many patients assessed under the Mental Health Act and recommended for compulsory admission were detained on the same day, in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24?
3. How many patients assessed under the Mental Health Act and recommended for compulsory admission were not detained on the same day, due to lack of bed availability, in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24?
4. How many patients assessed under the Mental Health Act and recommended for compulsory admission had to wait 72 hours or longer to be admitted, due to lack of bed availability, for the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24?

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5. How many patients assessed under the Mental Health Act and recommended for compulsory admission were admitted to private mental health beds in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24?

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