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Sent via email

Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 46239 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

MHA S2 Detentions

Your request is set out below:

(1) The number of new detentions\* under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2021 to 31 September 2024. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

**Please see 'tab 1' of the attached spreadsheet.**

(2) A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:

-For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'

-For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+' /

-For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'

**Please see 'tab 2' of the attached spreadsheet.**

**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, in full and have therefore provided a 'fewer than 5' response. 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**

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.

**We are proud to be smoke free**

Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati  
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

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