



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-353

Date: 16th November 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th October 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding CAMHS.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 My name is Josie Canham-Williams, and I am currently compiling statistics for a research project being conducted by Jacqueline Thomas QC and Ashley Lord of Counsel focusing on the mental health and secure estate available to vulnerable young people across England, Wales, and Scotland. The purpose of the research project is to better understand the wider picture so far as provision of mental health and secure beds are concerned across those three jurisdictions and follows decisions in a concerning number of court cases identifying a lack of appropriate provision. With that in mind, I make the below request for information under the Freedom of Information Act: Please could you kindly provide details of?

1. The number of low secure Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and medium secure CAMHS beds within your Authority or Trust and how many of those are currently available for new admissions.

A1 UHNM does not hold secure mental health beds

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Q3 The number of medium secure CAMHS Service beds within your Authority or Trust and how many of those are currently available for new admissions.

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Q4 The number of welfare social care secure beds within your Authority or Trust and how many of those are currently available for new admissions; and

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Q5 The number of forensic secure beds within your Authority or Trust and how many of those are currently available for new admissions.

A5 UHNM does not hold secure mental health/ forensic secure beds

Q6 Further, please could you kindly provide details of:

The number of young people within your Authority area or Trust area who have been assessed as requiring a CAMHS Tier 4 mental health bed but have not been admitted due to a shortage in resource (we do not require personal details or reasons for the conclusion reached, just numbers).

A6 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this.

Q7 The number of young people within your Authority area or Trust area who have been assessed as requiring a CAMHS low secure mental health bed but have not been admitted due to a shortage in resource; and

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Q8 The number of children accommodated within your Authority area or Trust area in unapproved, unregulated settings. Please note that this information will be treated with the strictest of confidence and your Authority or Trust will not be identified alongside this information within the final research paper when published.

In the event your Authority or Trust outsource to the private estate, please can you provide details as to the organisation you use so that we may approach them with requests for information

A8 Information not held by UHNM

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.



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Yours,

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