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I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding eating disorder

On 29th June 2023 we contacted you via email as we require clarification on the following:

Q1 - The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day= we don't treat patients with eating disorders unless the eating disorder is that severe that it requires medical intervention, is this what you are referring to, if so, what?

Q2 - The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day – as above

Q6 - The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available = what are you referring to as mental health?

On the same day you replied via email with:

Q1 - The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day= we don't treat patients with eating disorders unless the eating disorder is that severe that it requires medical intervention, is this what you are referring to, if so, what? **Any one with an eating disorder severe enough that it required hospital admission and medical intervention to stop harm coming to the patient.**

Q2 - The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day – as above **Any one with anorexia severe enough that it required hospital admission and medical intervention to stop harm coming to the patient.**

Q6 - The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available = what are you referring to as mental health? a mental health condition that caused the need to present to A&E, this could be a range of mental health conditions, from a suicide risk, schizophrenia or anything else considered a mental health condition or mental illness.

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 The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

A1 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 4 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records (note this is a co-morbidity). 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*

Q2 The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

A2 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 4 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records (note this is a co-morbidity). 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*

Q3 The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital where obesity was the cause or a significantly contributing factor between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available. The condition diagnosed and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

A3 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 4 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records (note this is a co-morbidity). 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

Q4 The number of patients who have undergone weight loss surgery at your Trust's hospital between January 2013 and July 2023 broken down by type of surgery (eg bariatric).

A4 See below: For the period 01/01/2023 to 30/06/2023 there were 95 patients who underwent a form of weight loss surgery.

You are also asking for the breakdown by type surgery, but gave the example “bariatric” upon our request for clarification ,however we still do not understand what you mean here so we have given the breakdown by surgery undertaken.

We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Surgery Undertaken	Numbers Performed
Bypass Of Stomach By Anastomosis Of Stomach To Jejunum Nec	55
Bypass Of Stomach By Anastomosis Of Stomach To Transposed Je	11
Insertion Of Gastric Balloon	<5
Partial Gastrectomy And Anastomosis Of Stomach To Duodenum	<5
Partial Gastrectomy And Anastomosis Of Stomach To Jejunum Ne	<5
Partial Gastrectomy And Anastomosis Of Stomach To Transposed	<5
Sleeve Gastrectomy And Duodenal Switch	<5
Sleeve Gastrectomy Nec	20

Q5 The number of patients who have been referred to a specialist weight management service at your hospital if applicable, between January 2013 and July 2023.

A5 To enable use to identify bariatric referrals we have had to look for “first booked appointments” into specific clinics, below are the clinics used

BARIATRIC-N
BARIATRIC – NCO
BARIATR-NCNCHVC
BARIATRIC – NNCH
BARIATRIC – NCCNS
BARIATRIC - NCNCO
BARIATR – NCNVC
BARIATR – NCNVCCO
BARIATRIC-NCHE
BARIATRIC – NVCCH
BARIA-NPSCHE
BARIATR-NPSVCCH

We only hold data from 2015.

Row Labels	Count of PAS_ID
2015	362
2016	365
2017	331
2018	577
2019	694
2020	439
2021	627
2022	693
2023	585
Grand Total	4673

Q6 The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available.

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

- **Broken down by month, age and sex where possible.**

A6 The following chief complaints have been used to identify the cohort of patients referred to in the question.

Anxiety, Bizarre behaviour, Depressive Disorder, Depressive Feelings, Drug / alcohol intoxication or withdrawal, Hallucinations, Hallucinations/delusions, Physical aggression, Self-harm, Self-injurious behaviour, Substance misuse and Suicidal thoughts.

And children have been identified as 0-17

Because the same chief complaints can be used in accidental and self-inflicted attendances on our reporting systems, a review of 3302 patients notes would be required in order to validate a true reflection, this would invoke section 12 of the FOI Act: cost is excessive- see details below.

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 4 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records (3302). 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*

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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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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.

Yours,



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