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Date: 7th October 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 19th September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Seasonal Affective Disorder

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

Please provide data on seasonal affective disorder diagnoses for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Specifically, I request the following details:

The number of cases from each year and 2024 so far, as specified above also showing the geographic areas where cases are reported. I.E each hospital under your NHS Trust.

A section showing the percentage rise and falls of cases from 2021-2023 and 2024 so far. In a clear breakdown of each year, showing the geographical areas where cases are reported such as a breakdown for each hospital under your NHS trust.

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel Spreadsheet.

A1 Information not held: SAD is predominantly diagnosed in a GP and/or Mental Health setting.

Therefore, if a patient is referred to us, they are more than likely to be diagnosed during an OP appointment, than an inpatient stay. Unfortunately, we do not record on Careflow conditions diagnosed during an outpatient appointment therefore we are unable to advise how many patients have been diagnosed.

*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.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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Yours,



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