

FOI 3122

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

For each of the past five years, please provide:

1.The number of patients admitted to the Bluestone Unit as detained patients under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

Response:

Please see table below.

2.Of those detained patients, the number who lodged an appeal against their detention to the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Response:

Please see table below.

3.Of those who lodged an appeal, the number who were subsequently reclassified as voluntary patients before the date of their scheduled appeal hearing.

Response:

Please see table below.

Response to questions 1-3:

Year	No. of Form 7's completed	No. of Tribunals Lodged	No. Regraded Before Tribunal
2020	273	28	16
2021	297	29	19
2022	244	26	16
2023	208	26	17
2024	232	23	8
2025	74	17	7

4. Does the Trust hold any internal policies or practices re the reclassification of detained patients following an appeal submission.

Response:

Operational guidance is in situ in respect of patients detained under the Mental Health Order (1986) and those who are admitted on a voluntary basis for assessment and treatment.

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