

FOI 3372

30th October 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Please outline the treatment and mental health intervention models prescribed by your Trust to meet the clinical needs of patients in mental health crisis, from within your Trust area, who have met the criteria for detention for assessment under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, and who were awaiting the availability of an inpatient bed.

For each of the financial years listed, please state the number of times such supports or interventions have been made available to patients awaiting admission:

- 2019/20
- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25

For each of the financial years listed, please also state the number of times these services were made available specifically in respect of patients meeting the above criteria whose waiting time for a bed fell either wholly or partly outside office hours (i.e. Monday–Thursday, 5.00pm–9.00am, or during a Saturday or Sunday), and confirm that the intervention/service described was provided during these out-of-hours periods:

- 2019/20
- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25

Response:

The information is not held centrally.

The Trust will ensure continuous assessment and support to the patient and family, including ongoing management of the risk which can involve interventions to de-escalate

distress and prevent harm. Any detained Patient waiting in ED for a mental health bed will be provided with the appropriate treatment and supports as per assessed need.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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