

FOI 3384

4th November 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. The number of individual patients treated in your trust who are diagnosed, either as a primary diagnosis or a co-morbid diagnosis, with the following mental health conditions/available categorisation over the past five years/available time period:

- **Psychosis / Schizophrenia / Schizo-Affective Disorder**
- **Treatment Resistant Depression**
- **Bipolar / Cyclothymia / Hypomania**
- **Eating Disorders**
- **EUPD/CEN**
- **Other**
- **Diagnosis not recorded**

The ICD-10 codes are as follows:

For bipolar, all of F31.

For TRD, F32 and F33

For schizophrenia/psychosis, all of F20 - F29.

For CEN/EUPD, F60.3 and all of F93.

For eating disorders, all of F50.

Response:

We are unable to provide this information within the time limit of 18 hours.

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information 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. To obtain this information from a number of individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

2. The total number of admissions in your trust involving the following mental health conditions/available categorisation, where individuals have been sectioned under the Mental Health Act over the past five years/available time period:

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3. Does your trust have a specialist care pathway that provides treatment for the following conditions:

- **Bipolar/Cyclothymia/Hypomania**
- **Psychosis/Schizophrenia/Schizo-Affective Disorder**
- **EUPD/CEN**
- **Treatment resistant depression**
- **Eating Disorders**

Response:

Yes – for eating disorders.

4. If ‘yes’, please describe these care pathways.

Response:

Please see attached.



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5. If 'yes', please provide the estimated annual spend for said specialist care pathways for each year / available time period, providing the name of each service, from 2019 to 2025.

Response:

SHSCT estimated annual expenditure for eating disorder specialist care pathways for the last 5 financial years (1st April until 31st March), is listed as follows:

Financial Year	Annual Expenditure £M
2024/25	0.7
2023/24	0.7
2022/23	0.6
2021/22	0.6
2020/21	0.6

Full year expenditure not available for financial year 2025/26 at the date of reply.

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