

FOI – 1701

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

### 1) What is the current average waiting time for an initial adult consultant psychiatric assessment in MH and LD?

*The average figures are difficult to collate from Trust systems however data is provided on categories of time patients are waiting, excluding outliers. These figures are for primary waits (first appointments). The maximum wait figure indicates the longest wait.*

<b>Service area</b>	<b>Average Waiting times for primary waits</b>	<b>Maximum wait (days)</b>	<b>Total patients</b>
<i>Dementia diagnostic clinic</i>	<i>Less than 9 weeks</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Primary mental health care</i>	<i>Less than 6 weeks</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Psychiatry of old age</i>	<i>Less than 6 weeks</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Support and recovery</i>	<i>Less than 15 weeks</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Learning disability</i>	<i>Less than 3 weeks</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>&lt;5</i>

### 2) A breakdown of the numbers of people currently waiting for a consultant psychiatric assessment months waiting and separately what is the maximum wait for assessment currently.

*Please refer to chart above.*

*The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all*

*information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.*

*S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.*