

FOI – 1851

17th August 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information regarding data on patients treated for OCD has now been considered by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust and unfortunately cannot be processed.

Clinical coding is not in place in Mental Health Services, therefore whilst diagnosis will be recorded in individual patient records, these are not recorded in a central database and therefore would require a manual trawl of patient records.

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 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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