

FOI 2054

22nd January 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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For the year from 1st August 2022 to 1st August 2023 inclusive:

- 1. What was the average wait time for mental health patients to be admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital, from the time of referral to the mental health team?**

Response: This data is not currently collected/collated, to obtain this data there would need to be a manual trawl of information systems that would exceed the 18 hour timeframe for response

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.

- 2. What was the longest an individual mental health patient waited to be admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital, from the time of referral to the mental health team?**

Response: This data is not currently collected/collated.

- 3. How many mental health patients in your trust were admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital?**

Response: Adults: 690

For Children and Young People admissions your request should be re-directed to the Belfast Trust. Beechcroft is the regional adolescent health inpatient unit and is managed by the Belfast Trust.

You can submit a FOI request to them using the link provided below:

[Freedom of Information | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust website \(hscni.net\)](#)

Email: FOI.team@southerntrust.hscni.net