

FOI 2696

29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Question: Making a request to you for the provision of statistics disclosing the number of suicides and attempted suicides by former outpatients of Bluestone over the past 24-48 months (2 years) from in or about January 2022 – present.**

**Response:** This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of service user 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. In order to obtain this information from a number of departments it 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 service user 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.

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