

FOI 2705

14th October 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1: We are currently conducting research on the Mental Capacity Act and would require the following information from your Trust:

- Extension activity (DoL extension authorisations) per month since 2019.

Response:

Extensions from January 2020 – September 2024

<u>2020</u>	
January 2020	0
February 2020	0
March 2020	0
April 2020	0
May 2020	0
June 2020	<5
July 2020	7
August 2020	<5
September 2020	10
October 2020	<5
November 2020	8
December 2020	13
<u>2021</u>	
January 2021	15
February 2021	18
March 2021	20
April 2021	21
May 2021	39
June 2021	46
July 2021	55
August 2021	67
September 2021	57
October 2021	58
November 2021	80
December 2021	66
<u>2022</u>	
January 2022	67
February 2022	69

March 2022	69
April 2022	73
May 2022	75
June 2022	70
July 2022	66
August 2022	58
September 2022	55
October 2022	42
November 2022	44
December 2022	42
2023	
January 2023	57
February 2023	52
March 2023	50
April 2023	29
May 2023	46
June 2023	44
July 2023	27
August 2023	35
September 2023	24
October 2023	34
November 2023	40
December 2023	42
2024	
January 2024	48
February 2024	50
March 2024	44
April 2024	25
May 2024	36
June 2024	36
July 2024	28
August 2024	42
September 2024	20

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.



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Question 2: Trust panel application forms by profession

Response:

The Trust does not hold this data in a readily available format and to provide it would require a manual trawl of records, which would take more than 18 hours.

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.

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