

Title

Mental health waits and Dental problems

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

For the years 2015-present (or, if data is not available to 2015, to the earliest available year before that year), I would like to know:

- 1. What percentage of mental health patients attending A&E who were sectioned spent more than 4 hours in A&E after being sectioned?*
- 2. On how many occasions, if any, did a patient wait more than 12 hours in A&E after being sectioned?*

Section 40(2) for questions 1 and 2:

The Trust has limited data available within our electronic system - EPIC since our Go live in July 2022. Most of the data that is held is part of a patient's medical record. This data it would not be appropriate to release under FOI as it is personal data and would not be lawful or transparent to patients to view their records for this purpose. As such it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Function as it is in breach of Principle 1 of the UK GDPR

Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for questions 1 and 2:

The Trust has considered your request, however, to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information. Trust staff would need to review every patient referred to Psych Liaison and read the notes. To conduct this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting that information.

3. *Broken down by year, how many patients attended A&E with an emergency related to dental care in each year.*

Year of Attendance	Site	Total
2015	NDDH	159
2016	NDDH	231
2017	NDDH	211
2018	NDDH	258
2019	NDDH	257
2020	NDDH	274
2021	NDDH	365
2022	NDDH	565
2023	NDDH	651

Year of Attendance	Site	Total
2015	WON ED	1172
2016	WON ED	1273
2017	WON ED	1288
2018	WON ED	920
2019	WON ED	833
2020	WON ED	966
2021	WON ED	1474
2022	WON ED	1245
2023	WON ED	1121