

Our Ref: 479/2021  
April 2021

## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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This request concerns the waiting times and outcomes for adults referred to your eating disorder services

- 1) Please provide the waiting times in days for each adult patient
  - a) urgently
  - b) routinely

admitted to an in-patient eating disorder service within your trust in each of the following calendar years. Please provide these figures as two separate lists of values in days clearly distinguishing between urgent and routine referrals.

- i. 2017
- ii. 2018
- iii. 2019
- iv. 2020
- v. 2021

- 2) Please provide the current waiting times in days for each adult patient that has been
  - a) urgently
  - b) routinely

referred to an in-patient eating disorder service within your trust but is waiting to be admitted as of the date of this request or the closest standard data recording date. Please provide these figures as two separate lists of values in days, clearly distinguishing between urgent and routine referrals

- 3) Please state the number of readmissions of adult eating disorder in-patients within your trust, where they have admitted again to in-patient eating disorder units within a year of being discharged from an in-patient unit in each of the following calendar years.
  - i. 2017
  - ii. 2018
  - iii. 2019
  - iv. 2020
  - v. 2021

- 4) If held, please state the number of adult eating disorder patients who were referred to your trust and awaiting admission for in-patient eating disorder treatment that we admitted as emergency patients to a general hospital while on the waiting list before their admission. Please provide information for each of the following calendar years.

- i. 2017
- ii. 2018
- iii. 2019
- iv. 2020
- v. 2021

- 5)
  - a) If held, please state the number of adult eating disorder patients who were referred to your trust and were awaiting admission for in-patient eating disorder treatment who died while on the waiting list.

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- b) If possible within the cost limit, please state if these persons died as a result of their eating disorder. Please provide information for each of the following calendar years.
- i. 2017
  - ii. 2018
  - iii. 2019
  - iv. 2020
  - v. 2021

Please note, for question 1-2, providing me with a list of numeric waiting times for each patient does not constitute personal information under section 40(2), as it provides no identifiable information about patients. As there are likely to be large numbers of referrals with similar waiting times, and the number of overall referrals is unlikely to be greater than five, disclosure of this information would not pose any risk of jigsaw identification of patients.

I also note the NHS's data on child waiting times for eating disorder admissions does not obscure the number of patients waiting certain times where than number is less than 5.

**Eating disorder clinics are run by RDASH and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust who commission mental health services. Please redirect your request onto them:**

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>

<https://www.rdash.nhs.uk/support-and-advice/information-governance/freedom-of-information/>