

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period Jan 2025 to June 2025 (last six months), broken down by calendar month where applicable

The following request:

1. Emergency Department Bed delays for Adult Mental Health Patients (18-65yrs)

- The number of patients per month within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for
 - **Greater than 24hrs**
 - **Greater than 48hrs**
 - **Greater than 72hrs**

2. Acute Ward bed delays for Adult Mental Health patients (18-65yrs)

- The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Obstetric Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for
 - Greater than 24hrs
 - Greater than 48hrs
 - Greater than 72hrs
 - Over 1 week
 - Over 1 month

3. Emergency Department Bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health Patients (65yrs+)

- The number of patients within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for
 - Greater than 24hrs
 - Greater than 48hrs
 - Greater than 72hrs

4. Acute Ward bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health patients (65yrs+)

- The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Older Persons Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for
 - Greater than 24hrs
 - Greater than 48hrs
 - Greater than 72hrs
 - Over 1 week
 - Over 1 month

5. Amount of enhanced 1:1 or 2:1 supervision

Please provide the **number of patients / hours per month who required 1:1 / 2:1 supervision** where this has not been provided by the local Mental Health trust (ie: the cost has been incurred by your Trust)

6. No of beds Commissioned by your Trust for Mental Health patients

Number of patients in the six month period in which your Trust has commissioned a private bed for a mental health patient due to delays in accessing a Mental Health Bed

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBTH) does not have any inpatient mental health beds and is not the responsible provider for mental health inpatient services.

Mental health inpatient services, including bed management and delays relating to mental health bed availability, are commissioned and provided by Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH). You may wish to redirect your request to them.

You can contact the RDaSH Freedom of Information team using the details below:

RDaSH FOI Contact Details:

Email: rdash.foi@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.rdash.nhs.uk>

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust confirms that it does not hold the information requested.

7. Capital Investment.

Do you have any plans to create a Mental Health Emergency Department (MHED) within your Trust (as outlined within the recent NHS 10 year plan Plan- extract below)

We will increase capacity for urgent mental health care by developing dedicated mental health emergency departments (MHEDs), ensuring patients get fast, same-day access to specialist support in an appropriate setting.

Over the course of the first half of this Plan, we will invest up to £120 million to bring the number of MHEDs to around 85, meaning there will be one co-located (or very close to) 50% of existing type 1 A&E units

While the Trust acknowledges the NHS Long Term Plan's ambition to increase capacity for urgent mental health care through the development of dedicated Mental Health Emergency Departments (MHEDs), at this stage we are unable to release any information regarding potential future plans or proposals within the Trust relating to the creation of an MHED.

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In accordance with Section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust is withholding this information as it relates to material intended for future publication. The Trust, along with its partner organisations, is currently reviewing and developing service plans in collaboration with the Integrated Care System (ICS). Any confirmed proposals or developments will be published through official channels in due course.

This exemption is subject to a public interest test. The Trust recognises the public interest in transparency and accountability, particularly regarding future investment in mental health services. However, premature disclosure of plans that are still under discussion and subject to approval may cause confusion and misinterpretation and could undermine decision-making processes. On balance, the Trust believes that the public interest favours withholding the information until it is formally published.

For clarity, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not currently provide inpatient mental health services. These are commissioned and provided by Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH). Queries regarding operational plans for specialist mental health service delivery may be better directed to them via:

RDaSH FOI Contact:

Email: rdash.foi@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.rdash.nhs.uk>

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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