

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 [RIPA] in the last 3 years.

NB: This refers only to cases where the Mental Health Trust has decided to use RIPA itself -- not cases where external bodies, such as the police, have made RIPA requests.

1. How many members of staff (including former members of staff and locum staff working for the Trust) has the Trust investigated using RIPA powers? Please break this down by year.
2. What type of investigation was done under RIPA? E.g. copies of emails, internet history, etc.?

If for whatever reason you are unable to provide me with all the information requested, please provide as much of it as possible.

Response:

The Trust has no record of using RIPA in the last 3 years.