

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.20.1785
Date Received: 31st December 2020

Information Requested:

1. The number of new detentions under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures. Please note we are interested in the number of 'new detentions' starting within each month, rather than the total number of 'open detentions' counted within each month. I understand that as detentions can span a number of months, providing open detentions in the period would be double-counting where detentions span across multiple months. Please could you confirm that you are providing data for new detentions as opposed to open detentions.

Please could you also provide this data in the format of an Excel spreadsheet (.xls).

2. A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:
 - a. For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'
 - b. For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'
 - c. For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'
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Response:

Please see attached. However please note that numbers less than five have been withheld as The Trust believes this could be personally identifiable put together with other information. The Trust considers that this is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Act

Applied Exemption:

Section 40 (Personal information):

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
 - (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—
- (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—
 - (i) any of the data protection principles, or
 - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
 - (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 2018 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject’s right of access to personal data).
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny—
- (a) does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1), and
 - (b) does not arise in relation to other information if or to the extent that either—
 - (i) the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the Data Protection Act 2018 or would do so if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of that Act were disregarded, or
 - (ii) by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 2018 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(a) of that Act (data subject’s right to be informed whether personal data being processed).
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section whether anything done before 24th October 2007 would contravene any of the data protection principles, the exemptions in Part III of Schedule 8 to the Data Protection Act 2018 shall be disregarded.
- (7) In this section— “the data protection principles” means the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 2018, as read subject to Part II of that Schedule and section 27(1) of that Act;
- “data subject” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act;
 - “personal data” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act.

Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>

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The information in this response shows the breakdown for new section 2 detentions started during the reporting period.

Q1 - The number of new detentions under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

Number of new Section 2 detentions			
Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	86	109	123
Feb	99	122	96
Mar	121	114	102
Apr	93	114	75
May	125	125	126
Jun	118	118	124
Jul	124	112	138
Aug	133	121	136
Sep	117	114	120
Oct	98	97	112
Nov	99	111	120
Dec	95	100	89

Q2 - A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:

* Please note, under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Data Protection Act, figures less than 5 have been suppressed to maintain patient anonymity.

(a) For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'

2018							
Month	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Not Known / Recorded	Not stated	Other group	White
Jan	*	8	5	*	0	0	71
Feb	0	*	*	*	0	0	93
Mar	*	6	0	*	0	*	109
Apr	*	*	*	*	0	*	84
May	*	7	*	5	0	*	105
Jun	8	8	*	0	*	0	98
Jul	*	*	*	*	0	*	113
Aug	*	9	*	*	0	0	116
Sep	*	8	*	*	0	0	103
Oct	*	*	*	0	0	*	88
Nov	*	6	*	0	0	*	86
Dec	7	8	*	*	0	*	74

2019							
Month	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Not Known / Recorded	Not stated	Other group	White
Jan	7	6	*	0	0	7	88
Feb	*	5	6	*	0	*	105

(b) For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'

2018							
Month	Under-18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	65+
Jan	*	14	19	10	9	6	26
Feb	*	8	13	13	13	9	41
Mar	7	16	21	9	12	11	45
Apr	5	9	13	15	10	8	33
May	*	14	25	11	20	8	43
Jun	6	11	20	16	16	8	41
Jul	10	11	28	12	13	10	40
Aug	6	16	24	21	13	8	45
Sep	5	23	14	14	11	15	35
Oct	8	14	17	12	14	12	21
Nov	5	15	14	7	11	12	35
Dec	5	12	15	21	9	6	27

2019							
Month	Under-18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	65+
Jan	7	15	15	9	10	14	39
Feb	6	21	20	19	8	14	34

(c) For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other'

2018			
Month	Female	Male	Not Known/Recorded
Jan	52	34	0
Feb	49	50	0
Mar	72	49	0
Apr	43	50	0
May	61	64	0
Jun	58	59	*
Jul	58	66	0
Aug	65	68	0
Sep	50	67	0
Oct	52	46	0
Nov	57	42	0
Dec	38	57	0

2019			
Month	Female	Male	Not Known/Recorded
Jan	57	52	0
Feb	57	65	0

Mar	*	*	*	*	*	*	102
Apr	5	7	*	*	0	*	97
May	6	*	*	*	0	*	108
Jun	6	*	0	*	0	6	99
Jul	0	*	*	*	0	*	103
Aug	*	*	6	*	0	*	105
Sep	*	6	*	*	0	*	102
Oct	*	5	*	5	*	0	83
Nov	5	*	*	*	0	*	95
Dec	*	*	*	6	0	*	85

Mar	5	20	18	15	9	10	37
Apr	9	16	23	22	13	6	25
May	11	17	21	18	15	13	30
Jun	6	10	27	13	13	12	37
Jul	13	13	18	14	12	16	26
Aug	6	13	18	17	19	14	34
Sep	5	9	14	12	17	7	50
Oct	6	13	16	12	10	8	32
Nov	6	8	21	8	9	10	49
Dec	6	9	11	21	11	6	36

Mar	62	52	0
Apr	52	62	0
May	69	56	0
Jun	52	66	0
Jul	64	48	0
Aug	56	65	0
Sep	66	48	0
Oct	45	52	0
Nov	49	62	0
Dec	50	50	0

2020							
Month	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Mixed	Not Known / Recorded	Not stated	Other group	White
Jan	*	9	*	*	0	0	105
Feb	*	*	*	5	0	*	79
Mar	*	10	6	*	0	*	78
Apr	*	*	*	*	0	*	64
May	*	11	*	*	0	*	106
Jun	*	10	*	9	0	*	93
Jul	6	*	*	7	0	*	116
Aug	*	9	0	5	0	*	118
Sep	5	7	*	8	*	0	97
Oct	*	5	*	12	*	*	87
Nov	*	*	*	8	*	*	105
Dec	*	*	*	10	0	*	70

2020							
Month	Under-18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	65+
Jan	6	15	17	28	8	13	36
Feb	5	16	17	9	11	10	28
Mar	12	11	17	16	5	10	31
Apr	*	11	10	11	9	12	21
May	9	17	21	17	18	9	35
Jun	12	17	14	11	23	10	37
Jul	7	18	26	20	15	11	41
Aug	6	16	22	22	16	7	47
Sep	9	22	21	11	10	11	36
Oct	7	20	16	11	10	10	38
Nov	10	17	20	14	14	9	36
Dec	6	7	15	7	13	7	34

2020			
Month	Female	Male	Not Known/Recorded
Jan	66	57	0
Feb	56	40	0
Mar	56	46	0
Apr	37	38	0
May	60	66	0
Jun	64	60	0
Jul	79	59	0
Aug	72	64	0
Sep	58	62	0
Oct	52	60	0
Nov	61	59	0
Dec	42	47	0