

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please can you provide for all following questions data for children and young people's mental health services and inappropriate OAPs.

1. Total number of monthly inpatient admissions and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022.

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤ 5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

Month	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Jan	18	15	20	13	11	10	87
Feb	7	16	16	17	15	8	79
Mar	16	21	21	23	14	≤ 5	98
Apr	19	12	16	≤ 5	9	6	64
May	19	16	23	17	8	11	94
Jun	27	23	17	26	7	8	108
Jul	15	20	21	10	0	6	72
Aug	15	17	13	9	0	13	67
Sep	18	8	15	12	0	12	65
Oct	14	21	18	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 5	68
Nov	28	22	18	11	≤ 5	13	95
Dec	20	10	17	14	6	6	73
Grand Total	216	201	215	163	75	100	970

2. Total number of monthly inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:

- Number of inappropriate OAPs active at the end of each month
- Number of inappropriate OAPs started each month
- Number of inappropriate OAPs ended each month

Our CAMHS inpatient services do not run elective admissions and therefore hold no waiting lists. If there are no beds available patients may be placed out of area, but we do not hold this data at trust level as the service is commissioned at a regional level. The commissioning arrangements sit with Hertfordshire Partnership NHSFT, as they are the lead provider/commissioner of CAMHS inpatient services in the East of

England Provider Collaborative and would therefore be responsible for placing patients.

3. The monthly lengths of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:
 - In these breakdowns if possible: a) 1-30 nights, b) 31-90 nights, c) 91 or more nights
 - Average, longest, shortest stay (as of the last day of the year)

Please see response to question 2

4. The monthly distance travelled for inappropriate OAPs from January 2017 to December 2022:
 - In these breakdowns if possible: a) less than 50km, b) 50km or greater and less than 100km, c) 100km or greater and less than 300km, d) 300km or greater
 - Average, longest, shortest distance (as of the last day of the year). For longest and shortest distance please include the receiving provider/inpatient unit.

Please see response to question 2

5. The monthly cost of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:
 - Total cost for inappropriate out of area placements each month
 - Average cost per bed day each month

Please see response to question 2

6. Yearly totals of receiving providers of inappropriate OAPs, so the number of patients sent to each receiving provider per year as well as the proportion of receiving providers that are private providers. - EPUT does not hold the receiving providers details.

Please see response to question 2

7. Yearly average, youngest and oldest age of children and young people on inappropriate OAPs.

Please see response to question 2

Definition of inappropriate out of area placement (OAP): An 'out of area placement' (OAP) occurs when a child or young person who requires mental health inpatient care is admitted to a unit that does not form part of their usual local network of services because no bed is available for them locally.

The Trust is unable to provide the information you have requested. This is because the Trust considers the staff names to be personal information which is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Act.

In addition Trust policy states that personal information will only be given for those staff with public facing roles:

- Public Interest Roles - those staff occupying positions of seniority with public profiles and responsibilities for major (policy) decisions and expenditure of public funds. (Freedom of Information Procedure: Section 14.0)

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