

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I am writing to request the following information from your NHS trust:

1. The number of inpatient mental health beds closed by your NHS trust, for each financial year  
2012-2013  
2013-2014  
2014 -2015  
2015-2016  
2016 - 2017  
2017 – 2018  
2018 – 2019  
2019 – 2020  
2020 – 2021  
2021- 2022  
2022 -2023 to present

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for

- a. Please break down by type of bed closed (i.e. adult acute inpatient, older adult, CYP, etc.)

[See response to question 1](#)

2. The total number of inpatient mental health beds at your NHS trust, for each financial year  
2012-2013  
2013-2014  
2014 -2015  
2015-2016  
2016 - 2017  
2017 – 2018  
2018 – 2019  
2019 – 2020  
2020 – 2021  
2021- 2022  
2022 -2023 to present

[See response to question 1](#)

3. The average number of available mental health beds at your NHS trust, for each financial year

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014 -2015

2015-2016

2016 - 2017

2017 – 2018

2018 – 2019

2019 – 2020

2020 – 2021

2021- 2022

2022 -2023 to present

[See response to question 1](#)

4. The average number of occupied mental health beds at your NHS trust, for each financial year

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014 -2015

2015-2016

2016 - 2017

2017 – 2018

2018 – 2019

2019 – 2020

2020 – 2021

2021- 2022

2022 -2023 to present

[See response to question 1](#)

5. The total number of times your NHS trust has had no inpatient mental health beds available / bed occupancy has been at 100%, since 2012-13 (please break down occasions by year and type of bed if possible)

financial year

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014 -2015

2015-2016

2016 - 2017

2017 – 2018

2018 – 2019

2019 – 2020

2020 – 2021

2021- 2022

2022 -2023 to present

[See response to question 1](#)

Please repeat questions 1, 2, 3 and 4 for learning disability beds, if applicable

**Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):**

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
  - (a) by one person, or
  - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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