

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. As of 01/03/24, how many inpatients at psychiatric hospitals operated by your trust are transgender, or identify as a different sex to the sex assigned to them at birth?

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.

2. Please provide your guidance on transgender inpatients, including the contact they are allowed with other patients, and whether they are treated on wards that correspond with the gender they identify as, or the gender they were assigned at birth.

At present, Essex Partnership University Trust guidance encourages staff to treat transgender patients in line with their gender identity as opposed to the gender assigned at birth. This is evidenced in EPUT's clinical guideline for the care and management of Transgender patients (adults & children) In EPUT (CG97) as well as our wider Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights Policy and Procedure (CP24).

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