

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/170  
**From:** Private Individual  
**Date:** 28 June 2023  
**Subject:** Number of patients admitted with an eating disorder between Jan 2013 & July 2023

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- Broken down by month, age and sex where possible.

**Q1** The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital (LoS) to the nearest day.

**A1**

Year	Total	Male	Female	0-12 yrs	13yrs +	LoS <5 days	Los >5 days
<b>2013</b>	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data.						
<b>2014</b>	14	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data				7	7
<b>2015</b>	7	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data					
<b>2016</b>	6	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data					
<b>2017</b>	14	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data		8	6	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data	
<b>2018</b>	16	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data		6	10	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data	
<b>2019</b>	13	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data		7	6	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data	
<b>2020</b>	42	25	17	9	33	29	13
<b>2021</b>	36	23	13	11	25	28	8
<b>2022</b>	37	24	13	18	19	25	12
<b>Up to June 2023</b>	30	14	16	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data		23	7

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.

In order to facilitate the delivery of this request however, the Trust has been able to aggregate some data into ranges to be able to provide insight into the relevant topics.

**Q2** The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

**A2**

Year	Total	Male	Female	0-12 yrs	13yrs +	LoS <5 days	Los >5 days
<b>2013</b>	58	23	35	26	32	37	21
<b>2014</b>	35	15	20	20	15	25	10
<b>2015</b>	29	14	15	19	10	18	11
<b>2016</b>	57	22	35	34	23	44	13
<b>2017</b>	46	16	30	25	21	29	17
<b>2018</b>	65	25	40	32	33	36	29
<b>2019</b>	75	39	36	34	41	59	16
<b>2020</b>	88	23	65	35	53	52	36
<b>2021</b>	95	21	74	23	72	40	55
<b>2022</b>	115	12	103	29	86	50	65
<b>Up to June 2023</b>	43	14	29	7	36	23	20

**Q3** The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital where obesity was the cause or a significantly contributing factor between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available, the condition diagnosed and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

A3

Year	Total	Male	Female	0-12 yrs	13yrs +
2013	29	16	13	15	14
2014	24	12	12	14	10
2015	26	12	14	10	16
2016	32	10	22	18	14
2017	32	10	22	14	18
2018	34	14	20	22	12
2019	38	9	29	14	24
2020	39	7	32	13	26
2021	55	33	22	21	34
2022	101	43	58	33	68
Up to June 2023	36	23	13	9	27

Information not held – Length of stay is not routinely collated by the Trust and not centrally recorded as part of its management or performance data. In order to ascertain the data the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.

This data relates to attendances coded under the following conditions-

**E66 Obesity**

Excl.: adiposogenital dystrophy (E23.6) lipomatosis:NOS (E88.2) dolorosa [Dercum] (E88.2) Prader-Willi syndrome (Q87.1)

**E66.0 Obesity due to excess calories**

**E66.1 Drug-induced obesity**

**E66.2 Extreme obesity with alveolar hypoventilation**

Obesity hypoventilation syndrome (OHS)

Pickwickian syndrome

**E66.8 Other obesity**

Morbid obesity

**E66.9 Obesity, unspecified**

Q4 The number of patients who have undergone weight loss surgery at your Trust's hospital between January 2013 and July 2023 broken down by type of surgery (eg bariatric).

A4 Information not held – no weight loss surgeries performed within the Trust for these dates.

Q5 The number of patients who have been referred to a specialist weight management service at your hospital if applicable, between January 2013 and July 2023.

A5

Year	Number of referrals
2013	Information not held – no specialist weight management service
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

<b>Up to June 2023</b>	49
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Q6 The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available.

A6

Year	Total	Male	Female	0-12 yrs	13yrs +
<b>2013</b>	Information not held – This service was not in use during these years				
<b>2014</b>					
<b>2015</b>	263	71	192	72	191
<b>2016</b>	386	146	240	109	277
<b>2017</b>	517	180	337	177	340
<b>2018</b>	654	227	427	212	442
<b>2019</b>	625	251	374	199	426
<b>2020</b>	593	168	425	145	448
<b>2021</b>	827	174	653	197	630
<b>2022</b>	814	187	627	211	603
<b>Up to June 2023</b>	438	98	340	119	319