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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 30 December, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

What is the total number of people who have undergone electro-convulsive therapy within your trust within the last two years? (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

How many people have completed at least one course of electro-convulsive therapy within your trust within the last two years? (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

Of the total number of people who have undergone electro-convulsive therapy within the trust within the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) how many are women?

b) how many are women and aged over 50?

Of the people who have received ECT in the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) how many have been offered more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

b) how many women have been given more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

c) how many women over the age of 50 have been given more than one course of ECT treatment at any time?

How many who have undergone ECT treatment in the last 2 years (01/04/15) – (31/03/17)

a) have been discharged from mental health services?

b) have been discharged from mental health services who are women?

Response:

1. 249

2. 47 (a course has been defined in the Trust as 12 or more treatments

3a 48

3b 34

The Trust is unable to comply with the remaining elements of the request as to do so would require the Trust to exceed to appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Our clinical staff estimate that it could take 1 hour per patient to review the clinical records to assemble the information requested. The information would also only be that which the Trust has recorded and would not include any care people had received from other organisations. Based on just the 249 in answer 1 above 249 hours would be required to identify and assemble the information requested. The appropriate limit set in the Freedom of Information is 18 hours.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists publish information collated as part of ECTAS (the ECT Accreditation Scheme), which can be located via the following URL:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/workinpsychiatry/qualityimprovement/qualitynetworks/ectclinics/ectas.aspx>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance