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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your emails of 19 February, 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:

How many people under specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services were issued with the ICD-10 code F12. – 'mental and behavioural disorders due to use of cannabinoids', during the 2016/17, 2015/2016, 2014/2015, 2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012, 2010/ 2011, 2009/ 2010, 2008/ 2009, 2007/ 2008, 2006/ 2007 periods?

How many serious and untoward incidents occurred, resulting in death, among people under 18 with the ICD-10 code F12. – 'mental and behavioural disorders due to use of cannabinoids', during the 2016/17, 2015/2016, 2014/2015, 2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012, 2010/ 2011, 2009/ 2010, 2008/ 2009, 2007/ 2008, 2006/ 2007 periods?

Please could you give a breakdown of how many suicides, self-inflicted deaths and attempted suicides occurred among people under 18 with the ICD-10 code F12. – 'mental and behavioural disorders due to use of cannabinoids', during the 2016/17, 2015/2016, 2014/2015, 2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012, 2010/ 2011, 2009/ 2010, 2008/ 2009, 2007/ 2008, 2006/ 2007 periods?

Response:

The Trust is also not able to comply with your request as to do would require it to exceed the appropriate limit. The information requested is held in individual paper and electronic health records, incident forms and is not always captured as a data item but in an unstructured form. There were over 50000 referrals for CAMHS services in the period of the request, which would require review in order to extract and collate the information necessary to answer the request. Even if it took only 1 minutes to review each record a minimum of 800 hours work would be

required to comply with your request. The appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is 18 hours.

It is difficult to advise if a reduction in scope of the request would bring it within the appropriate limit as much review, analysis and collation of information would still be required, and even a year would exceed 50 hours.

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,

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