

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 2 October 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:

1. Do you record patients with a co-existing mental illness and substance use disorders as having a Dual Diagnosis?
2. How many people within your locality have a diagnosis of dual diagnosis?
3. Do you have specific services to treat those with people with a dual diagnosis?
4. Does your trust have a dual diagnosis lead?

Response:

1. Yes, but within a patient's health record and not in structured format.
2. The Trust is not able to comply with this element of your request without exceeding the appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Diagnostic information, and dual diagnosis, is recorded in an unstructured form. In excess of 10000 records would require review and analysis to collate the information which could take in excess of 150 hours.
3. Please see the policy attached.
4. Please see the policy attached.

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