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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 17 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:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information Act request that you provide me with the whole dataset or datasets held by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust in relation to hearings convened under the s.23 discharge power contained in the Mental Health Act 1983 (s.23 MHA 1983). These hearings are generally referred to as Hospital Managers' Hearings, Associate Hospital Managers' Hearings, or Hospital Managers' Panels.

If data is held at both a hospital level and the same data is also centrally aggregated within the Trust, then I would only like access to the central dataset. If the individual hospital/community team datasets contain more detail than the centrally aggregated datasets, then I would like access to both the hospital/community team and central data sets.

Information included in such a dataset(s) might include, but may not be limited to:

- * Number of hearings scheduled, which may include a breakdown by type of hearing (e.g. divided by type of section (ss. 2, 3 etc.), and/or type of hearing (e.g. s.20 renewal, s.25 barring order)).
- * Number of times a hearing request was refused because of the proximity of a Mental Health Tribunal hearing (38.13 MHA 1983 Code of Practice, 2015)
- * Number of hearings cancelled before the hearing took place, with reasons (e.g. Responsible Clinician discharged patient, Tribunal discharged patient)

* Number of hearings held, perhaps broken down by type of section/ hearing.

* Number of adjournments, perhaps broken down by type of section/ hearing.

* Number of discharges, perhaps broken down by type of section/ hearing.

* Attendees at the hearing. For example, the number of times a patient attended, or was accompanied by their legal represented, or their Nearest Relative.

Response:

The Trust are able to provide the following information. To comply with the request in full would require the Trust to exceed the appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Meetings	328	311	349	382	418	445	430	408	399	367	414
Cancelled	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	2
Not going ahead	102	64	61	113	121	112	117	106	83	65	56
RC discharge	57	44	42	72	77	81	74	69	56	48	45
Lapse	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	1	1	1	0
Tribunal discharge	8	1	0	4	6	3	5	10	3	2	2
Withdrawn	34	18	16	37	36	27	35	26	17	10	7
Managers discharges	4	7	2	4	7	9	13	2	1	7	1

If you are concerned 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 Fol Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9
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Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance