

**FoI request re: Admissions of <18 patients with mental health disorder**  
**Ref: 23-RT-3103**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of patients under 18 admitted with a diagnosis of mental health disorder.

Please find our responses below:

**Request 1:**

Please provide me with the following data for the years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (to date):

The total number of under-18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed

Admission Year	Type	Count of Admissions	Avg LoS (days)
2019	ED	≤5	0.0
2019	MH	26	2.9
2020	ED	20	10.7
2020	MH	22	1.5
2021	ED	18	4.8
2021	MH	26	2.9
2022	ED	10	7.7
2022	MH	11	7.3
2023	ED	8	1.1
2023	MH	≤5	2.3

**Caveats:**

- The data is based on patients with an admission date from 01/01/2019 – present.
- It only includes discharged patients who have been coded on our system.
- It only includes diagnoses below (eating disorders have been identified as F50, everything else as mental health)
- This is a count of admissions, not patients, so some patients have been counted more than once if they have had >1 admission.

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Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five ( $\leq 5$ ) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

**Request 2:**

The total number of under-18 admitted with a primary diagnosis of eating disorder to a paediatric bed

See table in Q1.

**Request 3:**

Average length of stay for under 18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed

See table in Q1.

**Request 4:**

Longest recorded length of stay for under 18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed

We are unable to provide you with the information requested as this is individual level personal data. We have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act, because of the condition within section 40(3A)(a). This exempts personal data if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles contained in the GDPR 2018.

**Request 5:**

Total moderate and severe serious incidents reported on paediatric wards related to under 18s with a diagnosis of mental disorder

2019	1
2020	1
2021	0
2022	1
2023	0

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

FOI Coordinator

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**FOI Complaints:**

In the first instance, write to:

**Director Lead for Information Governance**

Chief Operating Officer  
Jenner Building  
Magdala Avenue  
London  
N19 5NF  
020 7288 5255  
[foi.whitthealth@nhs.net](mailto:foi.whitthealth@nhs.net)

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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