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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 42690 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Transgender inpatients in mental health

Your request is set out below:

1. As of 01/03/24, how many inpatients at psychiatric hospitals operated by your trust are transgender, or identify as a different sex to the sex assigned to them at birth?

In line with the requirements of NHS England, patients may request name and/or gender on their patient record at any time, and will then be issued with a new record, and NHS number. As a result, the patient gender will be recorded as that which they have determined and a record of previous gender/birth gender are not noted centrally within the system.

The information requested is therefore not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record and may only be contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a stand-alone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

2. Please provide your guidance on transgender inpatients, including the contact they are allowed with other patients, and whether they are treated on wards that correspond with the gender they identify as, or the gender they were assigned at birth.

Our transgender guidance sits in our Delivering same sex accommodation policy and the admission process is managed by patient flow and the admitting directorate. KMPT work with the individual's identified gender alongside care and risk assessments to develop the best environment to provide their care.

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The current policy is attached for you, however, please be advised that this policy is currently in the last stages of being updated, with the new release expected in the near future.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department