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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 52823 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

ECT treatment

Your request is set out below:

Please note that we have interpreted the questions as number of referrals received 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024.

1. How many patients in total received ECT in 2024?

49

2. How many of these were female?

31

3. How many of these were over 60?

12

4. How many of these were under 18?

0

5. How many were referred for psychological assessment before prescribing ECT?

The information requested is not routinely collected outside normal record keeping of a clinical record. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a standalone 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.

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6. How many people received psychology therapy before being prescribed ECT?

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7. What measures of clinical outcome were used for patients who received ECT and what were the results?

A post ECT review is held on completion of ECT treatment. In addition to this a SMMSE, MADRS and CGI score are also monitored prior to and after treatment.

8. What measures of adverse effects for patients who received ECT were used, and what were the results?

Recovery monitoring is completed for people who receive treatment, an orientation score is completed, there are standardised questions that are also asked of people prior to discharge from the clinic

9. Which professions did the SOAD consult for patients who did not consent?

This varies dependent on the patient however this can include: consultant psychiatrist/ RC; nurse; occupational therapist and psychologist on treating team.

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