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Dear Matthew,

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 42516 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Patients Escaped from Mental Health Units

Your request is set out below:

I would like the following data for the period between the beginning of the financial year 2013/14 up to the current date. Please provide the data for each financial year:

1. The number of patients that escaped from all mental health units. For each escaped patient, please provide:
 - a. Which unit the patient escaped from (Name of unit, hospital or clinic)
 - b. Whether the unit is a high, medium or low security facility
 - c. The method of each escape
 - d. The date and time the patient announced missing
 - e. The date and time the escaped patient was recovered (if patient was not recovered, please make this clear)
 - f. Whether the escapee was serving a hospital order
 - g. If they were serving a hospital order, what was the charge
 - h. What was the escapee's mental disorder

Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information, in full. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information

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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