

ECT Usage 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011

Request

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act to find the number of times in which electro-convulsive therapy was used, as stipulated by the Mental Health Act 1983, by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011. I would also like to know how many times each method of consent outlined in the Mental Health Act was used – how many times consent was granted by the patient, how many times the emergency powers under Section 62 of the Act were employed and how many times a second opinion was given instead of patient consent under Section 58(A), Subsection 5, of the Act.

I would also like to request that the number of times ECT was used on patients under the age of 18 years be included in the data, and how many times each of the forms of consent outlined above was used in the case of patients under the age of 18.

Our Response

From 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 the following electro-convulsive treatments (ECT) were given:

- Total number of treatments: 822
 - Number of treatments under Mental Health Act Section 62: 101
 - Number of treatments authorised by a Second Opinion Appointed Doctor (SOAD), using statutory form T6: 132
 - Number of times patient consented: 589

No patients aged 18 or under were treated with ECT.