

Forensic service provision and out of area placements

Request

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. All of my requests below are in relation to Mental health care in particular, Forensic secure services provided by your trust.

1. Please supply waiting list information in relation to patients waiting for a bed in a secure unit (Medium and Low secure). Please supply the most current waiting list information as well as as much historic information as possible up to the last 5 years
2. Please provide the full cost of looking after one patient per day for in a (1) low and (2) medium secure unit
3. How many patients allocated to your trust currently occupy beds in private secure hospitals?
4. How many beds have been removed in the last 2 years in your trust, specifically in secure care?
5. Please outline the procedure followed when determining whether to admit a patient to a private secure hospital (please also supply any policy/supporting documentation)
6. How many patients being cared for and allocated to your trust are in secure hospitals in another trusts' catchment area? (i.e. further away from home than they should be)
7. How many secure beds (Low and medium) do you do you have in your trust area?
8. What is the average time a patient spends in secure care (both medium and low) in your trust area?
9. How much does your trust allocate to funding of secure services per annum? Can we obtain a copy of your latest accounts?

Our Response

Our Forensic services are Low secure only:

1. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. We do not hold the information you require as NHS England are responsible for out of area placements. Please contact:

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4. There has been no reduction in Low secure beds.
9. 2013/14 Funding for Low Secure Services allocated by the Trust is £2.9m. Please find attached summary Budget Report as at 28 February 2014.

