

## **FOI023 Response**

### **Request**

*Hello,*

*I would like to make the following statement.*

*How many people have been diagnosed with Munchausen Syndrome (also known as fabricated induced illness) since January 2017 to April 2020.*

*An example of this is Wendy Scott, a Munchausen Syndrome sufferer who went to prison twice for illegally obtaining drugs and board and lodgings to help facilitate her condition (this was a 1980 case) Munchausen Syndrome is a compulsive habit of seeking and often receiving medical attention for entirely fictitious diseases and ailments, or for self-inflicted injuries.*

### **Response**

**How many people have been diagnosed with Munchausen Syndrome (also known as fabricated induced illness) since January 2017 to April 2020.**

There has been a total of 8 patients diagnosed with Munchausen Syndrome between January 2017 and April 2020.

Please note that the Trust has used the ICD code F681 Intentional production or feigning of symptoms or disabilities, either physical or psychological [factitious disorder] to classify Munchausen syndrome.