

FOI 045/2021 Response

Request

I have some questions regarding your NHS Hospital Trust that I would like answered as per the Freedom of Information Act. I hope that you can supply me with this information.

1. What are your post-covid recovery plans?
2. How are you currently looking to reduce the demand for your elective care services?
3. Are you currently experiencing any issues managing referrals and if you are can you explain them, please?

Response

1. What are your post-covid recovery plans?

Please see attachment for the Trust's post covid-recovery plans.

2. How are you currently looking to reduce the demand for your elective care services?

A response to this question cannot be provided as it is not applicable to the Trust.

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services, and do not provide elective care services like an acute Trust.

3. Are you currently experiencing any issues managing referrals and if you are can you explain them, please?

Currently, the Trust is not experiencing any issues managing referrals within our inpatients and community services. The Trust is functioning with full capacity as usual.

Furthermore, the Trust strives to effectively manage and monitor referrals on an ongoing basis.

Please note that specific Trust services such as the Speciality service, are involved in demand and capacity work to support waiting list management. The Speciality service has also received a non-recurrent surge funding to support increased demand.