

FOI 084/2021 Response

Request

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a freelance journalist.

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the following information for adult acute inpatient mental health services in Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

1. The longest time a patient has been on an inappropriate Out of Area Placement (as of 15 June 2021). Please provide the number of days of the longest inappropriate Out of Area Placement that is still active.
2. The average duration patients are sent out of their area inappropriately for (as of 15 June 2021).
3. The number of patients that have been placed out of their area for more than 365 days (as of 15 June 2021). Please include inappropriate Out of Area Placements that are still active.
4. How you are planning to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements and what you have already done to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements.
5. The date you are planning to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements by.

Response

- 1. The longest time a patient has been on an inappropriate Out of Area Placement (as of 15 June 2021). Please provide the number of days of the longest inappropriate Out of Area Placement that is still active.**

As of 15th June 2021, the longest inappropriate Out of Area Placement is a maximum duration of 141 days

- 2. The average duration patients are sent out of their area inappropriately for (as of 15 June 2021).**

As of 15th June 2021, the average duration patients are sent out of their area inappropriately is a average duration of 46 days

- 3. The number of patients that have been placed out of their area for more than 365 days (as of 15 June 2021). Please include inappropriate Out of Area Placements that are still active.**

Nil (0)

- 4. How you are planning to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements and what you have already done to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements.**

The Trust has deployed a range of bed flow initiatives to reduce the length of stays and the number of delayed discharges.

In addition to this, the Trust has implemented further multi-agency working and improved discharge mechanisms.

- 5. The date you are planning to eliminate inappropriate Out of Area Placements by.**

The Trust is working towards eliminating inappropriate Out of Area Placements by the end of September 2021.