

FOI 094/2021 Response

Request

Hi,

1. Would you be able to tell me what the average wait is for an acute psychiatric bed is within your area. By this I mean the time from a referral to the bed management service being received to the point the person is allocated a bed.
2. I would also like to know how many breaches of section 140 of the mental health act have occurred. I.e for people who re assessed under the mental health act how many are not allocated a bed within the 14 days.

*Clarification has been sought from the Requester for question 2, to confirm if they would like data on patients that had a period of 14 days where they were under a section prior to becoming an inpatient at the Trust. In addition to this, confirming the timeframe they would like the data from.

The Requester has confirmed that they are interested in finding out the time period of when a mental health act assessment was completed (e.g when the medical recommendations are completed), and of those how many were not allocated a bed within the 14 day timeframe as stipulated by the Mental Health Act. Thus breaching S140. The time period the data would need be sourced from is over last 12 months.

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Please see table below and note the following:

- The data is based on a review of admissions to an adult acute psychiatric bed in the 12 month period from 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021 and determining the average wait patients experienced during this time.
- In line with Trust policy, the decision to allocate a bed is clinically led with a decision to admit based on an assessment of clinical need and risks.

Team Name	AVG Days
Adult Acute Bed Management Team	3

- 2. I would also like to know how many breaches of section 140 of the mental health act have occurred. I.e for people who re assessed under the mental health act how many are not allocated a bed within the 14 days.**

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question, this is because obtaining the requested data will require exhaustive and manual measures that exceed the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to deny this aspect of your request.