

FOI160 Response

Request

Dear FOI team,

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding forensic services in your trust.

1. Please provide information around how you have determined safe staffing levels for the forensic care you provide. For each level, please provide minimum staffing day and night per staff category (Medical, nursing, healthcare assistants, therapeutic, etc). Are there days when you do not meet your minimum staffing levels? How often is that per month? Please split between:

- High secure
- Medium secure
- Low secure

2. Please fill in the attached excel with whole time equivalent (WTE) per ward per staff category:

- Medical
- Nursing
- Healthcare Assistants and other support staff
- Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical Staff

Response

Background:

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide the following low secure and medium secure forensic services,

Medium secure inpatient Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS) that provides multi-disciplinary assessments, mental health intervention and treatment for patients with forensic history and complex mental health difficulties, until their 19th birthday.

Medium secure inpatient service that provides assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation to male patients with a forensic history, suffering with complex and severe mental health problems and exhibit seriously aggressive or threatening behaviour.

Medium Secure inpatient service that provides treatment and rehabilitation to female patients suffering with complex and severe and enduring mental illness.

Low Secure inpatient service that provides recovery-based rehabilitation and wellbeing for patients suffering with mental health

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- **High secure**
- **Medium secure**
- **Low secure**

Please see attached spreadsheet and note the following,

- The Trust do not provide any high secure services and explicitly provide medium to low secure services.
- Hillis Lodge is classified as an inpatient low secure service and provides recovery-based rehabilitation and wellbeing for patients suffering with mental health.
- Tamarind is classified as an inpatient medium secure service and that provides assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation to male patients with a forensic history, suffering with complex and severe mental health problems and exhibit seriously aggressive or threatening behaviour.
- Tamarind Consists of the following wards:
 - Acacia
 - Cedar
 - Hibiscus
 - Laurel
 - Lobelia

- Myrtle
- Sycamore
- Reaside is classified as an inpatient medium secure service and provides assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation to male patients with a forensic history, suffering with complex and severe mental health problems and exhibit seriously aggressive or threatening behaviour.
- Reaside consists of the following wards:
 - Avon
 - Blythe
 - Dove
 - Kennett
 - Swift
 - Severn
 - Sycamore
 - Trent
- Ardenleigh is classified as an inpatient medium secure service and provides treatment and rehabilitation to female patients suffering with complex and severe and enduring mental illness.
- Ardenleigh also provides an inpatient medium secure service for patients with forensic history and complex mental health difficulties, until their 19th birthday and an inpatient low secure service until a patient's 18th birthday.
- Ardenleigh consists of the following wards:
 - Citrine
 - Coral
 - FCAMHS Pacific
 - Larimar Acute inpatient
 - Tourmaline
 - Low secure CAMHS
- The data provided is for the financial year 2019/2020
- The data provided does not include staffing levels for medics, this is because the Trust's system does not capture the information at the level of detail requested. To obtain this requested information will require a manual search and collation which the Trust is unable to do. With this in mind, a Section 12 exemption has been applied as the Trust does not have capacity to fulfil this element of the question.

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- **Nursing**
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- **Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical Staff**

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- The data provided for WTE represents staffing type (psychology, medical, OT etc) that work across each ward within a forensic service. The WTE is therefore the number of hours completed by each staffing category across each Trust Forensic service.
- The requested data within the template spreadsheet for column D & E, in relation to low and medium secure beds occupancy and open beds is located in the tables below. The data could not be provided within the spreadsheet as it is not captured in the requested format.
- The data provided for low and medium secure beds occupancy and open beds is from the year 2018 to 26th October 2020.

Low and Medium Secure Bed Occupancy (excluding leave)		
Service Type	Year	% Bed Occupancy
Low Secure	2018	92.7%
Medium Secure	2018	93.6%
Low Secure	2019	93.4%
Medium Secure	2019	93.9%
Low Secure	2020	87.0%
Medium Secure	2020	93.3%

Low and Medium Secure open beds (year-end snapshot)

Service Type	Date	Open Beds
Low Secure	31/12/2018	19
Medium Secure	31/12/2018	219
Low Secure	31/12/2019	20
Medium Secure	31/12/2019	224
Low Secure	26/10/2020	20
Medium Secure	26/10/2020	224