

FOI 0167/2022

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like the following data regarding patients with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis detained under the Mental Health Act within your trust between April 2021 and April 2022:

1. The number of ASD patients detained within your trust that were deemed fit for release and awaiting discharge. **

*** Clarification: Represents patients whose discharge was delayed as there was no appropriate place to discharge. This does not represent people detained formally under the MHA.*

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2. The number of ASD patients that were sent to out of area placements.

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3) The number of patients detained under the MHA that were awaiting an ASD assessment.

***Unable to respond: We are not a specialist ASD provider and as such we do not provide ASD assessments as such we would not have access to knowledge of those waiting for external assessment in a reportable way.*

4) The cost per year of detaining a patient under s3 of the MHA.

Please note that there is not a set cost for detaining a patient under a S3 of the MHA.

This is because the costs will be dependent on how long the patient is detained for and within which mental health setting they are detained in.