

FOI 0298/2023 Response

Request

Please provide details of clinical service incidents caused by estates and infrastructure failure, affecting mental health services at your hospital trust.

Please provide this information for all wards and buildings where mental health patients are treated, for the years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and so far in 2023/24.

Clinical service incidents are defined as infrastructure failures that have interfered with clinical services in some way, or impacted patient care. These could be things like power outages, building defects, ligature points, water supply, pest control or sewage supply.

For each incident, please could you provide a summary covering:

- a. The date of the incident and the site of the incident.
- b. The cause of the incident – eg. ceiling collapsing, power failure, pest control.
- c. The impact on services, such as delays to planned patient care, harm to patients, or the need to close beds. Please include the number of patients affected and the length of the impact

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Please note the following:

- For 2020/21 and 2021/22, the number of incidents has already been published in the Estates Returns Information Collection (ERIC). Please refer to the following link:
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection>
- The Trust is unable to provide a response to question b and c, this is because obtaining the request information will require exhaustive and manual measures that exceed the threshold to carry out this task.

The Trust therefore rely on section 12 of the Freedom of information Act to deny this aspect of your request.

- The requested data for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 is intended for future disclosure as it is still pending publication on the Estates Returns Information Collection (ERIC).

The Trust therefore rely on section 22 of the Freedom of information Act to deny this aspect of your request.