

FOI 0206 2025 Response

Request

Dear team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information.

The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.

1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? Yes/No
2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024?
 - a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).
 - b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)
3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?
 - a. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+
 - b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)
4. Does your organisation have the following:
 - a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting (Yes/No)
 - b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting (Yes/No)
 - c. Blended diet guideline (Yes/No)
 - d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No)
 - e. Blended diet training package (Yes/No)
 - f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.
5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?
 - a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.

*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.

Please could this be provided in Excel format. I have attached a template for your convenience. Any other electronic format would be welcome.

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.