

## **FOI 0358/2025 Response**

### **Request**

I am currently undertaking a research project on autistic children admitted as inpatients within Tier 4 mental health units.

Please could you provide me with the number of admissions of autistic children at Ardenleigh between 1st October 2024 and 1st October 2025?

By "number of admissions," I refer to the total number of individual admissions — meaning that if the same child was admitted more than once during this period, each admission should be counted separately.

By "admissions of autistic children," I refer specifically to those admitted solely because of their autism, and not due to any other mental health condition.

### **Response**

We are not commissioned to provide inpatient services for children solely suffering with autism.

Any inpatient admissions we make would be for patients requiring treatment for a mental health condition (who may also be autistic).