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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4448**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th September 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many patients have been admitted to a mental health bed from your trust in each of the following years:
  - a) 2017/18
  - b) 2018/19
  - c) 2019/20

1 a) 0  
b & c) I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

**Section 40 (2) - Third Party Data**

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), due to the minimal number of patients identified, and in answering your query may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

2. For each of those years (2017/18; 2018/19; and 2019/20) please tell me the number of patients who were brought in by the police.
- 3) I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access

recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

3. For each of those years (2017/18; 2018/19; and 2019/20) please tell me how long patients have waited for a bed from the time a decision was made to admit until the time they were found a bed.

- a) Four hours or less
- b) Four - 24 hours
- c) More than 24 hours
- d) More than 3 days

N/A

4. For each of those years (2017/18; 2018/19; and 2019/20) please state the longest period a patient has waited for admission to a hospital bed?

N/A

5. For each of those years (2017/18; 2018/19; and 2019/20) please state how many deaths of patients or members of the public have occurred where a bed had been awaited.

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4448 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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