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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5703

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5703**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th April 2023.

Your request was as follows:

We are seeking data covering the period from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2019 inclusive.

Please provide the following data, as far as is reasonably possible:

1. Admissions Data

a. How many individual admissions (for one night or more) were made to each psychiatric inpatient ward in the Trust. This question refers to all patient admissions, not just parents.

If possible, please provide this information disaggregated by ward, and for each ward, please indicate:

- Ward gender type (male/female/mixed)
- Mean age of patients admitted during reporting period

b. How many of the patients reported under 1.a. were parents?

If possible, please provide this information disaggregated by ward, and for each ward, please indicate:

- Ward gender type (male/female/mixed)
- Mean age of patients admitted during reporting period

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not have psychiatric inpatient wards; therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA 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 FOIA 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.

2. Parental Status Data Collection



a. What data are routinely collected on parental status when inpatients are admitted or during their care? For example, are any of the following recorded: parenthood status, parental responsibility, children's age, involvement of statutory services, where child currently resides? Is any other related information routinely recorded?

N/A

### 3. Trust/ward policies and procedures

- a. Please provide copies of Trust policy documents which include reference to the needs of psychiatric inpatients who are parents and their families (e.g. family visit policies).
- b. Please provide copies of any internal guidelines/SOPs used by wards to manage child visits to wards.
- c. Please provide a copy of each inpatient ward induction/welcome pack for inpatients.
- d. Please provide a copy of any written information provided to carers of inpatients.
- e. Please provide a copy of information provided to the carers of children of inpatients while they are inpatients (e.g. foster carer, grandparent).
- f. Please provide a copy of any information provided to child(ren) of inpatients.

For items a-f, please state if no such materials exist.

N/A

### 4. Child visits.

- a. During the reporting period, how many parents received at least one visit from their child/ren during their inpatient ward admission?
- b. During the reporting period, how many individual visits were made by children to inpatient psychiatric wards?

N/A

### 5. Family-friendly facilities

- a. Please provide a description of any family visit room(s) on each inpatient ward (include details of fixtures and fittings).
- b. For each family room, state whether it is used solely for the purpose of family visits.
- c. Please provide a photograph of each family room (a snapshot from a phone is fine).

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 5703 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 by:

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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