

Date: Monday, 03rd July 2023
Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5808

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563038

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5808

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd July 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I understand from the CQC's registration directory that you operate one or more 'mental health units', defined by the Mental Health (Use of Force) Act 2018 as follows:

- (a) a health service hospital, or part of a health service hospital, in England, the purpose of which is to provide treatment to in-patients for mental disorder, or
- (b) an independent hospital, or part of an independent hospital, in England-
 - (i) the purpose of which is to provide treatment to in-patients for mental disorder, and
 - (ii) where at least some of that treatment is provided, or is intended to be provided, for the purposes of the NHS.

Request 1.

Please could you list all your 'mental health units' as defined above, including those that provide treatment for psychiatric or behavioural problems linked to psychiatric disorders (e.g. depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, eating disorders), dementia, learning disabilities or autism.

I can confirm that we do not operate any mental health inpatient units within the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust. We do not provide treatment solely for psychiatric disorders, only treatment for those who are admitted for Neurology, Neurosurgery, Pain, Spinal and Rehabilitation services.

Request 2.



Please provide copies of the 'restraint policies' prepared by each of these units in accordance with s3 of the Mental Health (Use of Force) Act 2018.

Currently, there is no approved policy in place.

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

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

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 5808 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:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information