

FOI REF: 23/266

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**This FOI request relates to people admitted to psychiatric inpatient wards who are parents.**

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

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:-

[foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk)

### 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**

[Not applicable.](#)

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- b. How many of the patients reported under 1.a. were parents (as defined above)?

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

Not applicable.

## 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?

Not applicable.

## 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).

Not applicable.

- b. Please provide copies of any internal guidelines/SOPs used by wards to manage child visits to wards.

Not applicable.

- c. Please provide a copy of each inpatient ward induction/welcome pack for inpatients.

Not applicable.

- d. Please provide a copy of any written information provided to carers of inpatients.

Not applicable.

- e. Please provide a copy of information provided to the carers of children of inpatients while they are inpatients (e.g. foster carer, grandparent).

Not applicable.

- f. **Please provide a copy of any information provided to child(ren) of inpatients.**

Not applicable.

**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?**

Not applicable.

- b. **During the reporting period, how many individual visits were made by children to inpatient psychiatric wards?**

Not applicable.

**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).**

Not applicable.

- b. **For each family room, state whether it is used solely for the purpose of family visits.**

Not applicable.

- c. **Please provide a photograph of each family room (a snapshot from a phone is fine).**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours faithfully

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Corporate Governance Manager  
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