

FOI REF: 25/513

11th August 2025**Eastbourne District General Hospital**Kings Drive
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I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please provide data for the period Jan 2025 to June 2025 (last six months), broken down by calendar month where applicable:

1) Emergency Department Bed delays for Adult Mental Health Patients (18-65yrs):**a) The number of patients per month within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for:**

- i) Greater than 24hrs**
- ii) Greater than 48hrs**
- iii) Greater than 72hrs**

This data is not always recorded to indicate that the patient is awaiting a Mental Health Bed, and at what point (time/date) this decision is made within Emergency Department. The Trust does not have its own mental health beds and so patients may then be transferred elsewhere after initially being admitted within the Trust. As this is not always consistently recorded, we cannot confidently provide the required data for this part of your request.

2) Acute Ward bed delays for Adult Mental Health patients (18-65yrs):**a) The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Obstetric Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for:**

i) Greater than 24hrs	132
ii) Greater than 48hrs	108
iii) Greater than 72hrs	82
iv) Over 1 week	49
v) Over 1 month	4
Total	170

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3) Emergency Department Bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health Patients (65yrs+):

- a) The number of patients within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for:
- i) Greater than 24hrs
 - ii) Greater than 48hrs
 - iii) Greater than 72hrs

Please see response for Q1.

4) Acute Ward bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health patients (65yrs+):

- a) The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Older Persons Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for:
- i) Greater than 24hrs 28
 - ii) Greater than 48hrs 23
 - iii) Greater than 72hrs 20
 - iv) Over 1 week 13
 - v) Over 1 month 4

5) Amount of enhanced 1:1 or 2:1 supervision:

- a) Please provide the number of patients / hours per month who required 1:1 / 2:1 supervision where this has not been provided by the local Mental Health trust (ie: the cost has been incurred by your Trust).

We are unable to provide this information as the information is not always consistently recorded, and therefore we cannot confidently provide a response to this question.

6) No of beds Commissioned by your Trust for Mental Health patients:

- a) Number of patients in the six month period in which your Trust has commissioned a private bed for a mental health patient due to delays in accessing a Mental Health Bed.

None.

7) Capital Investment:

- a) Do you have any plans to create a Mental Health Emergency Department (MHED) within your Trust (as outlined within the recent NHS 10 year plan Plan- extract below)?

Not currently.

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

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

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Yours sincerely

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