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Response Due: 27th July 2023

Date: 13th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- 2. The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- 3. The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital where obesity was the cause or a significantly contributing factor between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available. the condition diagnosed and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

We do not hold this level of data.

- 4. The number of patients who have undergone weight loss surgery at your Trust's hospital between January 2013 and July 2023 broken down by type of surgery (eg bariatric).**

We do not hold this level of data.

5. The number of patients who have been referred to a specialist weight management service at your hospital if applicable, between January 2013 and July 2023.

We do not hold this level of data.

6. The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available.

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

- **Broken down by month, age and sex where possible.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

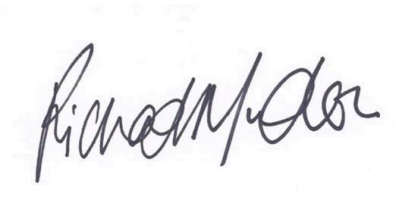
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Richard Mundon
Director of Strategy and Planning

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111