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27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) in regards to your NHS Trust during the time period of April 2017 - March 2019 or as near to this as possible if this is not available. The information requested is outlined below and replicated in the attached spreadsheet.

For each financial year (April 2017 - March 2018 and April 2018 - March 2019 or as close to these time frames as possible), please provide:

The number of Prevent referrals made by your Trust

The number of your Trust's Prevent referrals that have been discussed at the Channel Panel

The number of people that your Trust referred under Prevent who received Channel support

For A), B) and C) can you please provide where possible the numbers distributed by:

1. Whether the referral was made by a mental health service/department, or a non-mental health service/department
2. The ethnic groups of the referred people
3. The religious/faith groups of the referred people
4. The type of concern

**We are asking for the numbers in this way in order to preserve the anonymity of the people referred.**

**A spreadsheet is attached as a template to provide the information, to make the request clearer and for your ease.**

**Refusal Notice for questions 1 to 4:** having considered the Public Interest Test, due to the low numbers involved the Trust is applying Section 40(2) personal data and therefore we are unable to provide any further details.

Due to the low numbers involved there is a high risk that a living individual could be identified from the information that has been requested or from that information and other information that may be available. This may lead to undue stress of families and patients. 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).

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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