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Response Due: 28th January 2022

Date: 19th January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide me with:

1) How many total referrals did your Trust receive for psychosexual services in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021? Please give your responses in tabular form.

2) As per the form filled by GPs and health practitioners when referring patients, please give a detailed breakdown of total figures into categories for the reason referrals were made:

Erectile dysfunction
Delayed ejaculation
Premature ejaculation
Vaginismus
Anorgasmia
Arousal problems
Loss of libido (assumes endocrine causes ruled out)
Sexual pain (non-organic)
Other (please state)

If your Trust uses a different form/lists alternate reasons, please delineate that breakdown instead.

3) What is the trust's target waiting time for adults who are referred to psychosexual services to start treatment?

4) What was the average waiting time to start treatment for adults referred to the Trust's psychosexual services in 2019, 2020 and 2021 - or however best you delineate your yearly figures?

Again, please provide answers in tabular form.

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).

Please see the attached response.

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,



Rabina Tindale
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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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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