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Ref: FOI/2025/10709

Date Received: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Response Due: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28th April 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for data around **ADULT admissions for Eating Disorders in your acute hospital.**

**Data requested:**

**ALL adult admissions for an eating disorder (diagnosed before or during admission) with a primary reason for the admission being eating disorder related – diagnosis key words – Anorexia Nervosa, Atypical Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Atypical Bulimia nervosa, Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (EDNOS), Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), Binge Eating Disorder (BED).**

**Dates:**

**Admission dates between 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2024**

**Purpose:**

**To analyses the role of district general hospitals in the acute treatment of eating disorders moving from the MARSIPAN infrastructure to MEED.**

**Data:**

Data	Patient A	Patient B	Patient C etc.....
Date and time of admission	Please see the attached.		

<b>Date and time discharge</b>	Please see the attached.
<b>Male or Female</b>	Please see the attached.
<b>Patient age</b>	Please see the attached.
<b>Reason for admission</b>	Please see the attached.
<b>Weight (kg) and BMI (kg.m2) on admission</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>Weight (kg) and BMI (kg.m2) on discharge</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>New or Existing eating disorder diagnosis</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>Informal/formal (sectioned at any time)</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>Treatments provided</b>	Please see the attached.
<b>Was a NG used, if so for how long (days)</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>Was a NJ used, if so for how long (days)</b>	Please see the below comment.
<b>Was the local community eating disorders providing support (under MEED - Managing Medical Emergencies in Eating Disorder)</b>	The Trust does not operate a community eating disorders service.
<b>Discharge destination (home, specialist eating disorders unit, psychiatric unit, another district general hospital)</b>	Please see the attached.

<b>Were there any challenges collecting this information, if so, what were they:</b>
We are not required to create new information to respond to a request or give judgement or opinion that is not already recorded. Furthermore, the Trust is not required to create new information or find answers to a question from staff that may happen to know. The Information Commissioner has confirmed this position in its online guidance on handling FOI requests.

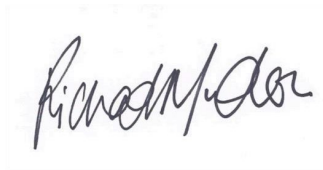
The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

Please note that a discharge destination is being withheld under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. This is because releasing the destination would make individual patients identifiable. Section 40(2) is an 'absolute' exemption, and the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Richard Mundon  
Deputy Chief Executive

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