

Ref: FOI/2025/11302

Date Received: 17th December 2025

Response Due: 19th January 2026

Date: 15th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17th December 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:

Please provide the following information for your organisation for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive).

1. Mental health presentations to A&E / Emergency Department

1. Total number of mental health-related A&E attendances

The total number of people who presented to A&E / ED with a mental health-related complaint, regardless of outcome, using your routine coding definitions (e.g. presenting complaint, diagnosis, or mental health liaison referral).

Please briefly state the definition or coding framework used.

Please see attached

The attached data was calculated based on volumes of mental health referrals produced in A&E – please note that the increase between 2024 and 2025 may reflect an improved referral process as much as it does an increased demand.

2. Waiting for an inpatient psychiatric bed

2. Number of people who waited for a psychiatric bed

The total number of people who were:

- in A&E / ED, or
- on a non-psychiatric inpatient ward (e.g. medical or surgical ward), in specialist hospital who were assessed as needing admission or transfer to an inpatient psychiatric bed (of any type) and had to wait for a psychiatric bed to become available.

The Trust does not have any psychiatric beds. Please redirect to your request to GMMH

<https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

3. Waiting time for psychiatric beds

For the group above, please provide either:

- the total cumulative number of hours spent waiting from the decision to admit/transfer to a psychiatric bed until your routine endpoint (e.g. admission, decision that admission was no longer required, discharge, or leaving the department), or,
- if cumulative hours are not held, the average (mean) waiting time, and please state the unit used (hours).

Please briefly describe:

- the start point used for measuring the wait (e.g. decision to admit, referral), and
- the endpoint used.

Breakdown (if readily available and within cost limits)

- If possible, please provide the above figures broken down by year.
- If monthly breakdowns for January–December 2025 are readily available, please include these.

- Please indicate whether an age-group breakdown (e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS) is available, but only if this can be provided within the usual FOI cost and time limits.

If the information is not held in the exact form requested, please provide the closest available data and briefly explain any differences.

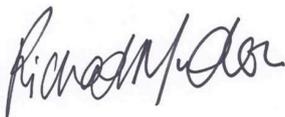
I would be grateful if the information could be provided in an electronic format (e.g. Excel or CSV).

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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,



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