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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to patients under police protection or accompanied into the Trust by the police.

You asked:

1. The number of adult patients admitted to the trusts' hospitals who were accompanied into the trust by police and remained under police protection - as outlined above - for at least some part of their stay, and a summary of the reasons why.

I would like this information broken down by month, please, from August 2017 to July 2018.

2. The number of child patients (and their ages) admitted to the trusts' hospitals who were accompanied into the trust by police and remained under police protection - as outlined above - for at least some part of their stay, and a summary of the reasons why.

I would like this information broken down by month, please, from August 2017 to July 2018.

Trust response:

The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject (<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf>) run as follows:

31.—(1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

If you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.