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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 detention under the Mental Health Act.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

*Q1. Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.*

*Q2. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.*

*Q3. Between 1 January 2022 and 31 May 2023, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.*

*Q4. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between January 2022 to May 2023 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.*

Trust response:

The Trust does not code whether patients have been detained under the Mental Health Act or whether the patient is an asylum seeker. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply

with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.