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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014514 – eating disorders

The Trust does not have a dedicated Paediatric Eating Disorder Service, these services are usually provided by CAHMs.

1) How many admissions of children (under 18's) presenting with eating disorders your trust has recorded in the past five years.

The following is a count of patients admitted with one or more eating disorder related condition, please note the patients eating disorder may not be the direct reason for admission. Total of 39 children in the years specified, this is a count of admitted patients. Date range is 1/4/13 to 31/3/18

2) I would like to know how many of these children treated were male/female/transgender.

The Trust can split by male and female but there is no national standard in place which states that information on transgender patients has to be recorded in hospital systems. There is no data collection field for transgender patients on our patient administration system hence we do not collect the information electronically and as such we are unable to run a report for this question. The information would be held in a patients notes and patient notes are exempt under the Freedom of Information Act

3) Please present all this information simply and clearly and break it down by year. Please provide as much detail as possible about the nature of their illness (I understand that some children may present with multiple illnesses). I would like this information broken down by type of eating disorder eg bulimia, anorexia etc. For example:

2013:

-XXX male children.55% anorexia, 45% bulimia

-XXX female children 450 anorexia, 150 bulimia

-XXX transgender children (information not collected electronically)

Due to the low numbers recorded over the 5 years and to avoid the possibility of persons being identified the Trust has not broken down the information as requested but has supplied the information below:-

Of the 39 children their illnesses include anorexia nervosa (F500) , atypical anorexia nervosa(F501), bulimia nervosa (F502) , bulimia nervosa (F508) and eating disorders unspecified (F509).