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Subject: MHA - eating disorder on general/paediatric ward

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1) Please state the name of your Hospital Trust

St. Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals

2) How many patients on the paediatric ward were detained under the Mental Health Act with an eating disorder diagnosis in the following financial years;

- a) 2017/2018 * <5
- b) 2018/2019 * <5
- c) 2019/2020 * <5
- d) 2020/2021 * <5

* **Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

3) How many adult patients were detained on a general ward under the Mental Health Act with an eating disorder diagnosis in the following financial years;

- a) 2017/2018
- b) 2018/2019
- c) 2019/2020
- d) 2020/2021

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not hold the requested information.