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REQUEST

I am new into post as mental health lead for ST Helen's 0-19 team and I am part of a working group involved in supporting young people in St Helen's who are using Ketamine.

We have noticed this is an emerging concern in the borough and as part of our work to reduce the risks for young people, we are gathering data to inform our prevention work.

Specifically, the information I require is related to physical health conditions secondary to long term Ketamine use, for example urology concerns, such as incontinence, bladder damage etc.

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please.

The data I need is young people aged 11-18 years with a ST Helen's address, between July 2021- March 2022, who are under the urology service with physical health conditions secondary to Ketamine use.

RESPONSE

<5 individuals

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.