

**FOI Ref: 2122012 - Adult Neurological and Mental Health Services**

**Please find the response to FOI 2122012 in the attachment.**



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Attachment.pdf

In relation to Questions 1a we believe that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the cost threshold as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 of the Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by public authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and*
- (d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.*

We have made an assessment of your request in relation to providing:

- The total number of adults with a primary diagnosis of **mental health** funded during the financial year 2018/19

The CCG database records cannot be searched by condition in the case of retrospective data. Consequently, in order to disclose all or any of the requested information, the CCG would need to undertake a manual search of all of the relevant records. According to our estimates, responding to all or any of these questions would exceed the appropriate limit as set out above. As such we are refusing these parts of your request under the act.

If you would like to discuss ways of narrowing your request to bring it within the cost threshold, please do not hesitate to contact us.