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Children & Adults Detained & Assessed under the Mental Health Order & Mental Capacity Act

NOTE: Figures below represent stats for the period 1st January – 31st December 2022 for Belfast Trust residents only.

Under the Freedom of Information Act could you please provide the following regarding hospital inpatients:

- 1. In your Health Trust, how many children (under 18) were detained for assessment under the terms of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 during 2022?**

Beechcroft (Regional Unit)

12 (BHSCCT only)

Iveagh (Regional Unit)

8 (BHSCCT only)

- 2. In your Health Trust, how many children (under 18) were detained for Treatment under the terms of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 during 2022?**

Beechcroft (Regional Unit)

8 (BHSCCT only)

Iveagh (Regional Unit)

5 (BHSCCT only)

- 3. In your Health Trust, how many adults (over 18) were detained for assessment under the terms of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 during 2022?**

Acute Mental Health Inpatient Centre BCH (AMHIC) - 340

Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) - Less than 5 (BHSCCT only)

Total: We are unable to give a total given MAH figure is <5.

Use of < 5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

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4. In your Health Trust, how many adults (over 18) were detained for Treatment under the terms of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 during 2022?

AMHIC: 186

MAH: Less than 5 (BHSCCT only)

Total: We are unable to give a total given MAH figure is <5 as per question 3.

5. In your Health Trust, how many children (under 18) were detained for assessment under the terms of the Mental Capacity Act during 2022?

The Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 applies to people aged 16 years and over.

During 2022, there were zero people aged under 18 years detained for assessment in hospital, in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2019.

6. In your Health Trust, how many children (under 18) were detained for treatment under the terms of the Mental Capacity Act during 2022?

Not applicable. Detention for treatment under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 has not yet been implemented in Northern Ireland.

7. In your Health Trust, how many adults (over 18) were detained for assessment under the terms of the Mental Capacity Act during 2022?

The Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 applies to people aged 16 years and over.

During 2022, there were 108 people, aged 18 years and over, detained for assessment in hospital, in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2019.

8. In your Health Trust, how many adults (over 18) were detained for treatment under the terms of the Mental Capacity Act during 2022?

Not applicable. Detention for treatment under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 has not yet been implemented in Northern Ireland.