

6 August 2026

FOI Responses and Statistics

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to submit a request as follows;

1. **Please provide statistical information on the number of FOI requests submitted to you in the last year:**

957 FOI requests were received into the Trust from 31 July 2025 – 31 July 2026 (*date this FOI request was received*).

- a. **The number currently outstanding**

89 (*this can be outstanding from 1 day, upwards*).

- b. **The average response time**

18.2 days.

- c. **The number and percentage of requests which have not been responded to within the prescribed timeframe**

286 i.e. 29.9%.

- d. **The reason for the delay.**

This information is not formally recorded. It may or may not be informally documented within an email chain and to check would involve a manual trawl of records. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information. It is therefore exempt from release.

Requests may not be responded to on time for numerous reasons including, and not exclusively to, the unavailability of staff to seek the information due to absences; the complexity of the request can often mean the answer takes longer to collate; if the request spans multiple directorates, or if clarification is sought from external sources or the requester, all of which can all inhibit the Trust's ability to answer the request within 20 days.