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Mental Health Services Data Request

- 1. In the last 12 months (of data), in total how many patients were managed by your Trust for the following conditions**
 - a) Schizophrenia (F20)**
 - b) Bipolar Disorder (F31)**
 - c) Other psychoses (F21-29 inclusive)**

Community Mental Health Services

Community Mental Health Teams do not routinely record diagnosis in a structured format that would permit the requested information to be extracted. Accordingly, Belfast Trust does not hold reliable recorded information from which the number of patients managed for these diagnoses can be determined.

Acute Mental Health Services

Whilst diagnostic information may be present within individual patient records, it is not recorded in a manner that can be readily extracted through a standard report. To identify, retrieve, review and validate the information requested would require a manual examination of individual records and would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours. Belfast Trust is therefore applying Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 2. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia have been treated within each of the following services:**
 - a. Early Intervention Psychosis service team**
 - b. Acute Services**
 - c. Community Mental Health Team**

Information on patients with schizophrenia treated within specific service areas is not routinely recorded in a format that can be extracted through a standard report.

To identify and validate the requested information would require a manual review of individual patient records. Belfast Trust estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore unable to provide the information requested.

- 3. In the last 3 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia were treated with each of the following antipsychotic medications**

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- a. **Risperidone**
- b. **Olanzapine**
- c. **Quetiapine**
- d. **Aripiprazole**
- e. **Amisulpride**
- f. **Lurasidone**
- g. **Paliperidone**
- h. **Cariprazine**
- i. **Clozapine**
- j. **Other treatment**

Belfast Trust does not hold reliable recorded information linking diagnosis and prescribed medication in a format that can be extracted to answer this request.

Whilst some information may be contained within individual clinical records, obtaining the requested data would require a manual review and validation exercise across patient records. Belfast Trust estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore unable to provide the requested information.

4. In the last 3 months (of data), how many patients with Other Psychoses were treated with each of the following antipsychotic medications

- a. **Risperidone**
- b. **Olanzapine**
- c. **Quetiapine**
- d. **Aripiprazole**
- e. **Amisulpride**
- f. **Lurasidone**
- g. **Paliperidone**
- h. **Cariprazine**
- i. **Clozapine**
- j. **Other treatment**

Belfast Trust does not hold reliable recorded information linking diagnosis and prescribed medication in a format that can be extracted to answer this request.

Whilst some information may be contained within individual clinical records, obtaining the requested data would require a manual review and validation exercise across patient records. Belfast Trust estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore unable to provide the requested information.

5. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia were discharged to primary care from each of the following services?

- a. **Early Intervention Psychosis service team**
- b. **Acute Services/In-patient**

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c. Community Mental Health Team

Information regarding the discharge of patients with schizophrenia to primary care is not routinely recorded in a format that would permit the requested data to be extracted.

Any information that may exist would require identification within individual patient records and subsequent validation. Belfast Trust estimates that the work involved would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

6. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia were discharged from the Early Intervention Psychosis service team to the Community Mental Health Team

The transfer of patients from the Early Intervention Psychosis Service to Community Mental Health Teams is not routinely recorded in a way that allows the requested information to be reported centrally.

To identify and validate the requested data would require a manual review of individual records and would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

*Belfast Trust considers that the cost of complying with this part of the request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The information is not held in a format that can be extracted through a standard report and would require a manual review of individual patient records. Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 therefore applies.