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People with Learning disability and autism in inpatient MH settings

Overall breakdown

- 1. A breakdown of people with a learning disability and/or autistic people in inpatient mental health settings***

***a facility registered as a hospital operated by either an NHS or independent sector provider. The facility will provide mental or behavioural healthcare.**

This should include patients of:

any age any level of security (general/low/medium/high)

any status under the Mental Health Act (informal or detained)

People not included:

patients in accommodation not registered as hospital beds

patients in beds for physical health care

patients who do not have either learning disabilities or autism

Please note this should not just include people with Learning disability in a 'Mental Health' bed - if a person is in specialist hospital bed either Mental Health or Learning Disability and that person has a Learning Disability or Autism, then that person should be included.

Please break this overall figure down to

- 1a. Those with both Learning Disability and autism**
- 1b. Those with Learning Disability**
- 1c. Those with Autism**

We are not able to provide the information requested. Due to low numbers of <5 would reduce numbers to discoverable limits, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

Additionally there would be patients within Mental Health inpatients settings who may also have Autism to a greater or lesser impact and we do not record this information in a way that is easily accessible and would require a review of individual patient records which would not be feasible within the time limit. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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.

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This should include people who are in out of area placements, for example in England, Wales or Scotland.

Duration of stay

2. Of the people in 1a. (Those with both Learning Disability and autism), please provide the duration of stay:

- a) More than 6 months**
- b) One year up to two years**
- c) Two years up to five years**
- d) Five years up to ten years**
- e) More than ten years**
- f) Longest single stay in days**
- g) 90th percentile in days**

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3. Of the people in 1b. (Those with Learning Disability) please provide the duration of stay:

- a) More than six months**
- b) One year up to two years**
- c) Two years up to five years**
- d) Five years up to ten years**
- e) More than ten years**
- f) Longest single stay in days**
- g) 90th percentile in days**

We do not hold information in a way that would allow us to extract this information. We are not able to provide the information requested due to low numbers of <5 would reduce numbers to discoverable limits, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

Mental health wards

4. Of the people in 1a. (Those with both a Learning Disability and Autism) the duration of stay in mental health wards specifically:

- a) More than six months**



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- b) One year up to two years**
- c) Two years up to five years**
- d) Five years up to ten years**
- e) More than ten years**
- f) Longest single stay in days**
- g) 90th percentile in days**

There would be patients within Mental Health inpatients settings who may also have Autism to a greater or lesser impact and we do not record this information in a way that is easily accessible and would require a review of individual patient records which would not be feasible within the time limit

5. Of the people in 1b. (Those with Learning Disability) the duration of stay in mental health wards specifically:

- a) More than six months**
- b) One year up to two years**
- c) Two years up to five years**
- d) Five years up to ten years**
- e) More than ten years**
- f) Longest single stay in days**
- g) 90th percentile in days**

Please see answer to question 3.