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RE: Freedom of Information Request

13th August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30th April 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

1. Please provide the number of patients who attended A&E primarily with mental health complaints (i.e. anxiety, depression, other mental health concerns) for each month in 2022 and 2023, and January, February and March 2024?

- If possible, please indicate how many of these patients were adults (18 or over) or children (under 18).**

The request has been based on the Chief Complaint as one of the following:

Drug/alcohol intoxication or withdrawal

Behaviour: unusual

Self-injurious behaviour

Social problem (medically well)

Anxiety disorder

Suicidal thoughts

Depressive disorder

Behaviour: agitated / violent

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	312	307	359	257	347	309	308	288	286	309	302	264
2023	267	232	282	278	327	302	327	306	280	266	233	241
2024	302	262	312									

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2022	<18	≥18	2023	<18	≥18	2024	<18	≥18
Jan	40	272	Jan	38	229	Jan	33	269
Feb	57	250	Feb	41	191	Feb	44	218
Mar	64	295	Mar	47	235	Mar	48	264
Apr	41	216	Apr	44	233			
May	55	292	May	62	265			
Jun	50	259	Jun	48	254			
Jul	40	268	Jul	47	280			
Aug	22	266	Aug	22	284			
Sep	45	241	Sep	42	238			
Oct	49	260	Oct	33	233			
Nov	59	242	Nov	22	211			
Dec	36	228	Dec	19	221			

2. Of these patients, please provide the number who spent under 12 hours in A&E in total, between 12 and 24 hours in total, between 24 and 48 hours in total, between 48 and 72 hours in total, between 72 and 96 hours in total, and the number who spent longer than 96 hours in A&E?

2022	<12 hours	12-24 hours	24-48 hours	48-72 hours
Jan	308	4		
Feb	301	6		
Mar	342	17		
Apr	247	9	1	
May	333	13	1	
Jun	287	22		
Jul	291	15	2	
Aug	267	19	1	1
Sep	272	13	1	
Oct	290	18	1	
Nov	289	11	2	
Dec	241	20	3	

2023	<12 hours	12-24 hours	24-48 hours	48-72 hours	72-96 hours	>96 hours
Jan	243	23	1			
Feb	217	13	1			1
Mar	262	15	5			

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Apr	258	14	4	1	1	
May	307	18	2			
Jun	276	22	4			
Jul	309	17	1			
Aug	287	18	1			
Sep	259	19	2			
Oct	235	24	4	3		
Nov	204	24	2	3		
Dec	203	33	5			

2024	<12 hours	12-24 hours	24-48 hours	48-72 hours	72-96 hours	>96 hours
Jan	273	26	2	1		
Feb	228	30		2	1	1
Mar	276	24	10	2		

3. For those who spent longer than 96 hours, please specify how long they spent in A&E?

Arrival Date	Total Wait Time Minutes	Total wait time hours
22/02/2023	9573	159.6
29/02/2024	8966	149.4

4. Please indicate what proportion of people attending A&E with mental health complaints were ultimately admitted, transferred to another provider (please list the relevant providers), or sent home (please specify the proportion of these who were sent home with or without follow-up plans)

The proportion of people attending A&E with mental health complaints who were ultimately admitted, transferred to another provider or discharged	2022		2023		01.0124 - 31.03.2024	
	Patient count	%	Patient count	%	Patient count	%
Admitted	674	18.48%	582	17.42%	115	13.13%
Discharged - did not require any follow up treatment	2289	62.75%	2169	64.92%	587	67.01%
Discharged - follow up treatment to be provided	98	2.69%	79	2.36%	29	3.31%
Left Department before being seen for treatment	439	12.03%	360	10.78%	89	10.16%

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Referred to Fracture Clinic	2	0.05%	4	0.12%	1	0.11%
Referred to other health care professional	47	1.29%	32	0.96%	16	1.83%
Referred to other Out-Patient Clinic	8	0.22%	7	0.21%	4	0.46%
Transferred to other Health Care Provider	91	2.49%	108	3.23%	35	4.00%
Grand Total	3648	100.00%	3341	100.00%	876	100.00%

5. Please specify what plans the trust has in place to mitigate risks from rising numbers of patients attending A&E with mental health concerns.

We have isolation rooms which are designed to minimise risk to MH patients within ED, we support with ensuring 1-1's are in place when patients are in the department, and we are collectively working with partners within the ICB to develop plans to support access to mental health provision within Nottinghamshire.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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