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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Waits for psychiatric beds (A&E and inpatient wards), 2025 Dear FOI Team,

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

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.

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<p>1. For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive): The total number of people who attended A&E (or ED) and were assessed as needing admission to an inpatient psychiatric bed (of any type) and had to wait in A&E for a psychiatric bed to become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please further breakdown by the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please provide the figures above broken down by month (Jan–Dec 2025). o If possible, please also indicate whether the data can be broken down by age group (e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS) 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="548 475 734 555">Age group</th> <th data-bbox="741 475 927 555">0 - 17 yrs</th> <th data-bbox="934 475 1120 555">18 - 64 yrs</th> <th data-bbox="1126 475 1305 555">65+ yrs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="548 560 734 600">Jan-25</td><td data-bbox="741 560 927 600">0</td><td data-bbox="934 560 1120 600"><5</td><td data-bbox="1126 560 1305 600"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 604 734 644">Feb-25</td><td data-bbox="741 604 927 644">0</td><td data-bbox="934 604 1120 644">9</td><td data-bbox="1126 604 1305 644"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 649 734 689">Mar-25</td><td data-bbox="741 649 927 689">0</td><td data-bbox="934 649 1120 689">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 649 1305 689"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 694 734 734">Apr-25</td><td data-bbox="741 694 927 734"><5</td><td data-bbox="934 694 1120 734">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 694 1305 734"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 738 734 778">May-25</td><td data-bbox="741 738 927 778">0</td><td data-bbox="934 738 1120 778">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 738 1305 778"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 783 734 823">Jun-25</td><td data-bbox="741 783 927 823">0</td><td data-bbox="934 783 1120 823">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 783 1305 823"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 828 734 868">Jul-25</td><td data-bbox="741 828 927 868">0</td><td data-bbox="934 828 1120 868">7</td><td data-bbox="1126 828 1305 868"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 873 734 912">Aug-25</td><td data-bbox="741 873 927 912">0</td><td data-bbox="934 873 1120 912">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 873 1305 912">0</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 917 734 957">Sep-25</td><td data-bbox="741 917 927 957">0</td><td data-bbox="934 917 1120 957">6</td><td data-bbox="1126 917 1305 957"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 962 734 1002">Oct-25</td><td data-bbox="741 962 927 1002">0</td><td data-bbox="934 962 1120 1002"><5</td><td data-bbox="1126 962 1305 1002"><5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 1007 734 1046">Nov-25</td><td data-bbox="741 1007 927 1046">0</td><td data-bbox="934 1007 1120 1046"><5</td><td data-bbox="1126 1007 1305 1046">0</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="548 1051 734 1091">Dec-25</td><td data-bbox="741 1051 927 1091">0</td><td data-bbox="934 1051 1120 1091"><5</td><td data-bbox="1126 1051 1305 1091"><5</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Age group	0 - 17 yrs	18 - 64 yrs	65+ yrs	Jan-25	0	<5	<5	Feb-25	0	9	<5	Mar-25	0	6	<5	Apr-25	<5	6	<5	May-25	0	6	<5	Jun-25	0	6	<5	Jul-25	0	7	<5	Aug-25	0	6	0	Sep-25	0	6	<5	Oct-25	0	<5	<5	Nov-25	0	<5	0	Dec-25	0	<5	<5			
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1a. The total cumulative number of hours those people collectively spent waiting in A&E from the decision to admit to a psychiatric bed until:

- they were admitted to an inpatient psychiatric bed, or
- a decision was made that admission was no longer required, or
- they left the department (whichever endpoint you routinely use in your data).

• Please further breakdown by the following

- o Please provide the figures above broken down by month (Jan–Dec 2025).
- o If possible, please also indicate whether the data can be broken down by age group (e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS)

	0 - 17 yrs		18 - 64 yrs		65+ yrs	
	Discharged/Left Before Being Seen	Transferred	Discharged/Left Before Being Seen	Transferred	Discharged/Left Before Being Seen	Transferred
Jan-25	12	0	9	38	0	89
Feb-25	0	0	0	248	0	8
Mar-25	0	0	0	116	0	2
Apr-25	0	110	21	116	0	17
May-25	3	0	1	68	0	25
Jun-25	0	0	22	64	0	26
Jul-25	0	0	10	158	0	24
Aug-25	0	0	1	122	0	0
Sep-25	0	0	0	51	0	9
Oct-25	0	0	10	123	4	27
Nov-25	0	0	34	93	7	0
Dec-25	0	0	3	44	0	55

2. For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive): The total number of people who were on a non-psychiatric inpatient ward (e.g. medical/surgical wards) and were assessed as needing transfer/admission to an inpatient psychiatric bed, and had to wait on that ward for a psychiatric bed to become available.

- Please further breakdown by the following
 - o Please provide the figures above broken down by month (Jan–Dec 2025).
 - o If possible, please also indicate whether the data can be broken down by age group (e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS)

Age group	18-64	65+
Jan-25	<5	<5
Feb-25	<5	<5
Mar-25	<5	<5
Apr-25	0	<5
May-25	<5	0
Jun-25	0	<5
Jul-25	<5	<5
Aug-25	<5	<5
Sep-25	0	<5
Oct-25	<5	<5
Nov-25	0	<5

No Data for Dec 25.

<p>2a. The total cumulative number of hours those people collectively spent waiting on non-psychiatric inpatient wards from the decision to admit/transfer to a psychiatric bed until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they were admitted/transferred to an inpatient psychiatric bed, or • a decision was made that admission/transfer was no longer required, or • they were discharged (whichever endpoint you routinely use). <p>• Please further breakdown by the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please provide the figures above broken down by month (Jan–Dec 2025). o If possible, please also indicate whether the data can be broken down by age group 		18-64		65+						
		A4: hospital process – awaiting patient transport services.	E6: capacity – mental health admitted patient care not yet available (pathway 2).	E6: capacity – mental health admitted patient care not yet available (pathway 2).						
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		Feb-25	0.00	305.21	1770.15					
		Mar-25	95.13	438.29	264.31					
		Apr-25	0.00	0.00	461.93					
		May-25	0.00	534.01	0.00					
		Jun-25	0.00	0.00	386.20					
		Jul-25	0.00	216.79	667.80					
		Aug-25	0.00	245.16	582.69					
		Sep-25	0.00	0.00	428.18					
		Oct-25	0.00	287.36	104.25					
		Nov-25	0.00	0.00	194.77					
		No Data for Dec 25.								

(e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS)				
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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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