

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

GIDS Patients with an EHCP

Details of enquiry

Please can you provide me with the number and percentage of patients under the care of GIDS that have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Response sent

Definition: **Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)** is a legal document which sets out a child/young person's special educational needs, the support they need, and what they'd like to achieve. It covers birth to 25 years (if a young person stays in education). Its purpose is to secure the best possible outcomes across education, health and social care and, as they get older, and prepare them for adulthood.

Whilst GIDS might contribute to the health care aspects of some patients' EHCP, we have no mechanism to draw out how many GIDS patients have EHCPs, because data on these would be recorded within patient notes, and not held in specifically formatted cells or set areas within the patient's electronic records, and cannot therefore be reported or collated through any automated process.

Furthermore, as the Trust relies on other agencies and/or families to update us on EHCP status, we are unlikely to hold complete data on the information you have requested.

To obtain all the held data you have requested would require a manual search of thousands of files spanning the 7 years in question, plus extra time for extraction and collation of the data, where held. We have estimated that this would take circa 30 minutes per record with some large files taking even longer, totaling at least 500 hours per thousand records, which would exceed the resources provisioned under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Accordingly the Trust is not obliged to provide a response for this request, and will not be processing it further.

Should you wish to narrow the scope of your request, for example to ask how many of the first 36 GIDS patients with appointments on a particular date had an EHCP noted on

their electronic health record, then the Trust would treat the submission as a new FOI request.

For your information Section 12 of FOIA provides for public organisations such as NHS Trusts to refuse requests for information where the cost of processing (which includes determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, and then extracting it) exceeds £450, or 18 hours of officer time at a generic rate £25 per hour.

I hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you are dissatisfied you can ask us to carry out an internal review of our handling of your request.

You can request a review by emailing us at FOI@tavi-port.nhs.uk. Your review would be carried out by a senior officer within the Trust who has not previously been involved in this response. If you remain dissatisfied following completion of our internal review, you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> or visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/privacy-notice/how-you-can-contact-us/>