

FOI190 Response

Request

Dear Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust,

Thank you very much for your reply to Karamat Iqbal for this request:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/bame_representation_77#incoming-1608234

Would it be possible to inquire further about demographics of service users, specifically those who have been detained under the mental health act?

I realise those who have been sectioned can move hospitals around the country to a degree, as well as moving between NHS and private providers - so I would be hoping to look solely at instances where the order was made at a Trust facility in Birmingham or Solihull.

Could you please provide for 2017, 2018 and 2019:

* numbers by ethnicity

* numbers by sex or gender identity

for those who have been detained under the mental health act at a Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust facility or by trust commissioned professionals?

Response

Please see attached spreadsheet and note the following,

- The data provided contains a count of new Mental Health Act spells in each year.
- The data for patients sectioned under the Mental Health Act whilst they are inpatients in trust hospitals is within the tab title "MHA Trust Sections"
- The data for patients sectioned under the Mental Health Act outside the trust hospitals and subsequently admitted to the Trust can be found on the tab title "MHA Non-Trust Sections"
- The methodology used for this is to report is new Mental Health Act spells each year, and the Mental Health Act Legal Status Classification Code on admission to flag whether the section was made by Trust staff. I.e. if legal status at admission was informal and then the patient went on to a section then we have flagged this as sectioned by trust staff.
- As a provider of inpatient beds the Trust does not normally commission Mental Health Act detentions, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Ministry of Justice (MoJ) or courts do in vast majority of cases and Trust staff can be involved in Mental Health Act detentions both in Trust hospitals and outside (i.e. in the community, AE, custody). Similarly, non-Trust staff can be involved in detentions under the Mental Health Act carried out in Trust hospitals and outside (i.e. in the community, AE, custody).