

FOI 102/2021 Response

Request

Dear teams

My original request for this information was to FOI,BSMHFT. See below their response which I received on 30th March 2021

- The Trust is unable to provide data for the number of service users who have been assessed by the CMHT, diagnosed with OCD and referred to specialist psychological treatment outside of BSMHFT. This is because the requested information has not been captured within our system. The Trust therefore recommends that you redirect this aspect of your request to Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (BSOL CCG) to obtain this data.

In the document - Patient information Individual Funding Requests (IFRs), which for your reference I have attached, there is the following statement:

If there are likely to be other similar patients who would also benefit from the requested treatment, the Panel cannot agree funding under the IFR process. In this instance the CCG may need to consider developing a case for change for a new service the evidence for which will be considered by CCGs prioritisation and commissioning investment/disinvestment process and may ask for the referring clinician to submit a Business Plan.

If nobody in your organisation knows how many patients are being referred for specialist treatment for treating service users with OCD, and consequently not knowing the cost of that treatment. How can you (and/or the Trust) make a case for any Business Plan?

*Clarification has been sought from the Requester to confirm what additional information they would like from the Trust.

The Requester has confirmed that they would like a response from the Trust for question 5 in FOI 322, as BSOL CCG are stating they do not hold the information requested. In addition to this the Requester has queried if we do not hold the information than who will.

Response

The Trust is of firm opinion that we are unable to provide data for the number of service users who have been assessed by the CMHT, diagnosed with OCD and referred to specialist psychological treatment outside of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust.

Please note that external referrals are not routinely recorded within our patient admission system, and therefore we are unable to source the requested data.

The Trust suggest that you redirect this aspect of your request to the onward external organisation/ service that provide specialist psychological treatment.