

FOI 0473/2024 Response

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request relating to the benefits received by your patients when they are transferred from prison into your secure/forensic inpatient services.

***Clarification:

If the patient is in a mental health unit (of any type including forensics) they are entitled to government benefits the same as anyone else not in hospital. But if the patient would normally be in prison if it weren't for their mental health crisis they have no entitlement to any government-funded benefits and so the Trust would need to somehow fund any personal expenses.

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- 1. How much money for personal expenses (snacks, toiletries, etc.) do your patients receive when they are transferred from prison to secure/forensic inpatient services?**

Transferred prisoners on Section 47 and over school age patients on Section 47 receive £20.94.

Section 48/49 prison transfer patients and over school age patients on Section 48/49 are entitled to the usual benefits that mental health patients to whom have not committed an offence would have access.

- 2. How often is this given to the individual?**

This is given weekly to patients.

- 3. Where does the funding for this money come from?**

Funding is provided by commissioners; the Trust receives an annual lump sum payment to cover these costs.