

## FOI 0505/2024 Response

### **Request**

I would like the following data for the period between the beginning of the financial year 2013/14 up to the current date. Please provide the data for each financial year:

1. The number of patients that escaped from all mental health units. For each escaped patient, please provide:
  - A. Which unit the patient escaped from (Name of unit, hospital or clinic)
  - B. Whether the unit is a high, medium or low security facility
  - C. The method of each escape
  - D. The date and time the patient announced missing
  - E. The date and time the escaped patient was recovered (if patient was not recovered, please make this clear)
  - F. Whether the escapee was serving a hospital order
  - G. If they were serving a hospital order, what was the charge
  - H. What was the escapee's mental disorder

### **Response**

Please see the attachment for the Trust's response to question 1 & D, and note the following:

- The data provided for question 1 & D lists the number of absconsions from an in-patient ward between April 2013 - January 2024, including the date and time of the incident.
- The Trust is unable to provide a response to question A,B,C,F,G and H. This is because the requested data pertains to personal/identifiable information, and information that exposes the Trusts vulnerabilities, which could cause health and safety concerns for staff members and patients.
- The Trust is unable to provide a response to question E. This is because the requested information is not readily captured and will require exhaustive and manual measures to obtain.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 38, 40 and 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.