

FOI 0558/2024 Response

Request

I am contacting you with an FOI Request.

What is (a) the average length and (b) the longest length of hospital stay for (i) all patients, (ii) those under the age of 18, (iii) those over the age of 18 and under the age of 65, (iii) those over the age of 65, in your mental health trust in each of the last 10 years.

***Clarification: The Requester has confirmed that they would like the Trust to are focus on acute beds.

Response

Please see the tables below and note the following:

- *Acute hospital stay refers to Adult Acute, Older Adult Acute, and PICU (Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit)*
- The figures include length of stay on acute, PICU and older adult acute wards.
- We are not commissioned to support patients under 18 in acute wards. Forward Thinking Birmingham are commissioned to provide this service.
- The figures are based on complete in-patient spells. If a patient transfers between wards the length of stay does not restart eg if a patient transfers from a PICU stay to an acute ward.
- Please note that the Trust's methodology on length of stay is based on providing the total length of stay irrespective of any transfers that may have occurred in the service users inpatient spell as noted above.
- Figures are based on complete lengths of stay in line with their complete inpatient spell as above.

Longest and Average Length of stay (days) for Acute Hospital Stays for All Patients

| Year | Longest Stay | Average Stay |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2013 | 807 | 51 |
| 2014 | 1140 | 52 |
| 2015 | 1143 | 53 |
| 2016 | 528 | 49 |
| 2017 | 717 | 51 |
| 2018 | 590 | 58 |
| 2019 | 1073 | 56 |
| 2020 | 1200 | 59 |
| 2021 | 687 | 61 |
| 2022 | 903 | 72 |
| 2023 | 952 | 70 |

Longest and Average Length of stay (days) for Acute Hospital Stays Ages 18 to 64

| Year | Longest Stay | Average Stay |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2013 | 807 | 45 |
| 2014 | 1140 | 46 |
| 2015 | 1143 | 47 |
| 2016 | 528 | 43 |
| 2017 | 717 | 44 |
| 2018 | 590 | 53 |
| 2019 | 1073 | 50 |
| 2020 | 1169 | 50 |
| 2021 | 687 | 54 |
| 2022 | 712 | 63 |
| 2023 | 952 | 63 |

Longest and Average Length of stay (days) for Acute Hospital Stays for Ages 65 or older

| Year | Longest Stay | Average Stay |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2013 | 533 | 83 |
| 2014 | 550 | 80 |
| 2015 | 1008 | 85 |
| 2016 | 507 | 86 |
| 2017 | 509 | 83 |
| 2018 | 489 | 84 |
| 2019 | 637 | 92 |
| 2020 | 1200 | 101 |
| 2021 | 375 | 99 |
| 2022 | 903 | 115 |
| 2023 | 391 | 109 |