

## FOI 0292\_2024 Response

### Request

I am writing to you on behalf of Alopecia UK to request the following information about alopecia care under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are asking Trusts about the care they offer for people experiencing alopecia, as well as plans and data around this, in order to inform our understanding of this condition.

The attached Excel spreadsheet includes the questions and space for your response. I have also included the questions below but would be grateful if you could respond in the Excel template.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you provide details of where it can be found together with page reference and URLs as appropriate.



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### Response

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide a response for question 1-3 and 5. This is because Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

In regard to question 4, Alopecia, along with any other physical health conditions or diseases would be picked up through assessment.

The assessment would take into consideration the impact the condition has on the mental health of the individual however, we would not offering any specific intervention or pathway for Alopecia.

We would support and treat any associated mental health conditions i.e depression, anxiety etc, with the support of psychological intervention input (if appropriate). Any additional referrals for alopecia would be made by the GP

We support a number of patients whose physical health affects their mental health, i.e .going through dialysis, chemotherapy etc. If the physical health issues remains, their mental health will always remain fragile and would need to be supported with coping techniques relating to depression, anxiety etc.