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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Mental health delays in ED and wards

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response							Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
Please provide data for the period Jan 2025 to June 2025 (last six months), broken down by calendar month where applicable										
1a. Emergency Department Bed delays for Adult Mental Health Patients (18-65yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">The number of patients per month within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greater than 24hrsGreater than 48hrsGreater than 72hrs		Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25			
	Greater than 24 Hours	0	5	1	1	0	2			
	Greater than 48 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Greater than 72 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Please note, the data relates to patients aged 18 - 64 years. 'Time Waiting for a Mental Health Bed' has been calculated based on the duration between the recorded outcome decision and the patient's departure date.									

<div>1b. Emergency Department Bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health Patients (65yrs+)</div> <div><div><div>The number of patients within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for</div><div><div>Greater than 24hrs</div><div>Greater than 48hrs</div><div>Greater than 72hrs</div></div></div></div>	<table><tr><td></td><td>Jan 25</td><td>Feb 25</td><td>Mar 25</td><td>Apr 25</td><td>May 25</td><td>Jun 25</td></tr><tr><td>Greater than 24 Hours</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Greater than 48 Hours</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Greater than 72 Hours</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table> <div>Please note, the data relates to patients aged 65 years and above.'Time Waiting for a Mental Health Bed' has been calculated based on the duration between the recorded outcome decision and the patient's departure date.</div>		Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Greater than 24 Hours	2	0	0	0	1	1	Greater than 48 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	Greater than 72 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for ○ Greater than 24hrs ○ Greater than 48hrs ○ Greater than 72hrs ○ Over 1 week ○ Over 1 month	Greater than 72 Hours	A4: hospital process – awaiting patient transport services.	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Greater than 72 Hours	E6: capacity – mental health admitted patient care not yet available (pathway 2).	0	1	1	0	1	0
	Over 1 Week	E6: capacity – mental health admitted patient care not yet available (pathway 2).	0	1	1	0	1	0
	Over 1 Month		0	0	0	0	0	0
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3. Amount of enhanced 1:1 or 2:1 supervision Please provide the number of patients/hours per month who required 1:1/2:1 supervision where this has not been provided by the local Mental Health trust (ie: the cost has been incurred by your Trust)	We do not capture the costs for 1:1 for MH patients.											
4. No of beds Commissioned by your Trust for Mental Health patients Number of patients in the six month period in which your Trust has	0 beds commissioned											

commissioned a private bed for a mental health patient due to delays in accessing a Mental Health Bed				
<p>5. Capital Investment.</p> <p>Do you have any plans to create a Mental Health Emergency Department (MHED) within your Trust (as outlined within the recent NHS 10 year plan Plan- extract below)</p> <p>“We will increase capacity for urgent mental health care by developing dedicated mental health emergency departments (MHEDs), ensuring patients get fast, same-day access to specialist support in an appropriate setting.</p> <p>Over the course of the first half of this Plan, we will invest up to £120 million to bring the number of MHEDs to around 85, meaning there will be one co-located (or very</p>	No capital plans in place			

close to) 50% of existing type 1 A&E units"				
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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